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FENG MAKES HASTY RETREAT.

FLEES FROM A COMBINED ATTACK.

DISASTER ON SHANGHAI-PUKOW RAILWAY.

MORE FIRING ON SHIPS.

The outstanding feature of the China news to-day is the manner in which the so-called "Christian" General, Feng Yu-hsiang, has been left completely isolated by all the other parties in China and is now being surrounded by them in a concerted plan to eliminate him. The Peking message states that plans are developing for a heavy attack and that he has already commenced to withdraw his forces from Honan towards Shensi.

A late message from Shanghai reports the capture by the Northerners of Tungchow, and if, as we think, this is Tungchowfu in Shensi, it indicates that Feng is making a hurried exit by the only available route.

There has been further firing on British ships near Nanking, and there was a heavy exchange of artillery fire yesterday between rival forces in Pukow and Nanking.

A late Chinese telegram to hand to-day reports what is evidently a big railway disaster on the Shanghai-Pukow Railway, a train being derailed and many Chinese being killed and injured.

HU HAN-MIN TO FOLLOW CHIANG.

Peking, Aug. 25. Plans are evidently developing for a heavy attack against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang. The Mukden armies, which recently successfully repulsed Feng Yu-hsiang's invasion of Shantung are preparing to invade Honan from the north-east.

Other forces are advancing along the Lungai railway, while the Shantung-Chihli troops, which recently gained victories in north Anhui, have captured Hefei, which was the scene of a northern defeat three months ago, and they are expected to attack Honan from the south-east.

Meanwhile Generals Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang have sent delegates to Taiyuanfu to urge the Shansi tuchun, Yen Hsi-shan, either to join in the attack against Feng, or else at least to withdraw his troops from the Kinshan line, which he has not yet done, so as to enable the Mukden forces to advance along that line.

It is considered possible that Yen Hsi-shan may be induced to throw troops across the Yellow River in the vicinity of Tungchow, so as to cut off Feng's retreat to Shansi, which Yen could do with little difficulty.

It is even suggested in some quarters that efforts are being made to win General Tang Sen-chi to the Northern fold, in which case he would attack Feng Yu-hsiang from the south, and complete the latter's ring of enemies.

Later messages state that it is unofficially reported that Feng Yu-hsiang has commenced to withdraw his forces from Honan toward Shensi.—*Reuter.*

CAPTURE OF TUNGCHOW.

A Gain for the Northern Troops.

A Naval wireless message received here late this morning from Shanghai, states that Tungchow has been taken by the Northern troops.

[This is, we think, Tungchowfu, in Shensi, indicating that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is being driven eastward. There is, however, a Tungchow, almost mid-way between Chinkiang and Shanghai, and the message may possibly relate to the latter place.]

VESSLS FIRED ON.

British Ship Involved.

Wuhu, Aug. 25. Chen Tiao-yuen, commanding the 37th Army arrived here yesterday.—*Naval Wireless.*

Nanking, Aug. 25. Reports show that large numbers of troops have been concentrated at Pheasant Island, above Nanking, and that British merchant vessels are being heavily fired on from there. Only two

rounds were fired from Lion Hill yesterday and one Southern aeroplane flew over the district and reconnoitred Pukow during the afternoon.—*Naval Wireless.*

RAILWAY DISASTER.

Many Killed and Injured.

Shanghai, Aug. 26. There was a severe bombardment yesterday between the rival artillery at Pukow and Nanking, as a result of which telegraphic communication between Shanghai and Nanking was interrupted.

A train on the Shanghai-Pukow railway was derailed near Onting Station and many passengers were killed and injured. Mrs. Pak Shung-hi and T. V. Soong were waiting at the station at the time of the disaster.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

NANKING POLITICS.

Arrival of Hankow Personages.

Shanghai, Aug. 26. An important political conference took place at Nanking on Wednesday, when, among other things, it was decided to approve of the reorganisation of the government of the province of Kwangtung.

Mr. Tam Yen-hui and Mr. Sun Po arrived at Nanking yesterday and were invited to dinner by General Li Chung-yan and General Ho Ying-yuan.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

CHINKIANG CENSORSHIP.

The Situation Unchanged.

Chinkiang, Aug. 25. A censorship has been imposed here on all letters and telegrams. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has gone to Shanghai.—*Naval Wireless.*

Shanghai, Aug. 25. The situation remains unchanged, and there is nothing to report from the Yangtze ports apart from those specified in other messages.—*Naval Wireless.*

HU HAN-MIN QUILTS.

Follows Chiang Into Retirement.

Mr. Hu Shu-ching, the brother of Mr. Hu Han-min, arrived here by the Canton night boat, the Tai-shan, last night. He was interviewed by a reporter of the vernacular press, who was asked whether it is true Mr. Hu Han-min is going to resign from all his present posts, following the exit of Marshal Chiang from the Chinese political and military stage.

The answer was that, personally, Mr. Hu Shu-ching thought his brother had quite made up his mind on the matter of leaving along with Marshal Chiang.

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FORMOSA QUAKE.

MANY KILLED AND INJURED.

HOUSES DESTROYED.

Tokyo, August 25.

In a special edition the *Nichi Nichi* reports a violent earthquake at two o'clock this morning in the neighbourhood of Tainan, resulting in ten persons being killed and over 100 injured. About 200 houses were destroyed.—*Reuter.*

The latest reports reaching Tokyo amplify the story of the *Nichi Nichi* as regards the earthquake in Formosa.

The *Asahi* reports that 40 persons were killed and 30 houses destroyed at Ensuai, near Tainan, while in Tainan three people were injured and several houses were badly damaged.

The *Jiji* reports that 145 houses were destroyed or damaged in the Takao district, and four persons were injured.—*Reuter.*

THE PROTECTION OF NEWS.

PRESS CONFERENCE DISCUSSION.

Geneva, Aug. 25. The Press Conference has adopted resolutions with regard to the matter of Press rates for telegraphic and telephonic messages, also the question of coded Press messages, and the improvement of communications.

A divergence of views was manifested in the discussion of the important question of protection of news, in which many speakers participated, including Mr. Kent Cooper, the managing director of the Associated Press of America, Lord Riddell, and Sir Roderick Jones of *Reuter's*. The last-named proposed the formation of a small committee for the purpose of evolving a formula which would meet with general approval.

Lord Riddell drew attention to the fact that America was the only country which had not ratified the Berner conventions of 1886 and 1908, relating to proprietary rights.

The discussion will continue on August 26.—*Reuter.*

RESULT OF DUBLIN POLLING.

DAIL EIREANN DISSOLVED.

Dublin, Aug. 25.

The Government has gained a seat at the by-election for Dublin City South, the result being:

Mr. Hennessy (Government) 24,139.

Mr. Briscoe (De Valera) 18,647.

Mr. Murphy (Sinn Fein) 1,109.

The Government has also won the County Dublin seat, the polling being:

Mr. O'Sullivan (Government) 39,966.

Mr. Brennan (De Valera) 16,125.

Mr. Lynn (Sinn Fein) 1,332.

As a sequel to the Government's victory in the by-elections in Dublin the Governor-General, on the advice of the executive, has signed a proclamation dissolving the Dail Eireann.

A general election will be held on September 15.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE NAVAL DISASTER.

CONDOLENCES FROM AMERICA.

Washington, Aug. 25.

Mr. Robinson, the acting Secretary of the Navy, has sent a message to the Japanese Minister of Marine condoling in the naval disaster.

He says the realization that such disasters must be accepted as a constant risk in operations of active naval organisation, increases the profound sympathy of the United States Navy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Earlier messages report the sinking of a Japanese destroyer, and the serious damaging of another, during night naval manoeuvres.]

YET ANOTHER NAVAL SCARE.

ANGLO-JAPANESE SECRET ALLIANCE.

UNFOUNDED U.S. REPORT.

Washington, Aug. 25.

According to the *Washington Post*, reports from trustworthy sources have reached the State Department that a mutually satisfactory Anglo-Japanese agreement regarding future naval supremacy was reached when it finally became apparent that the United States would not accept the British programme presented at Geneva.

The newspaper adds that the gist of the understanding has not been divulged and it is doubtful if much information on its contents is available to the American officials who are discussing an understanding behind closed doors.

The *Journal* declares that Anglo-Japanese discussions which are in an advanced stage refer to the revival of the 1911 Anglo-Japanese alliance.—*Reuter's American Service.*

No Foundation.

Washington, later. The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Castle, categorically denies

TOURISTS KILLED.

Tragic Mountain Railway Disaster.

Chamonix, Aug. 25.

It is feared that 15 persons were killed, and 20 seriously injured, in the derailment of a train in the mountain railway running from Chamonix to Mer-de-Glace, when the engine and a carriage with 50 tourists fell 50 feet down the mountain.—*Reuter.*

"The Press story of a secret Anglo-Japanese naval pact," with regard to future naval supremacy. He says that, so far as the State Department knows, the report is absolutely without foundation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

London Denial.

London, August 25. With reference to the *Washington Post* assertion, it is learned in a high ministerial quarter in London that no secret Anglo-Japanese arrangement of any kind has been made regarding naval armaments.—*Reuter.*

SHIPS HELD UP ON HOOGHLY.

ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTERS' STRIKE.

Calcutta, Aug. 25. As the result of a strike by 23 assistant harbour masters for an increase of salary, eight steamers have been held up for a month in the Hooghly.

One of them, carrying mails and passengers from Burma, will be brought into port by the harbour masters.

The steamers Wakefield, Clan Mackenzie, Robenfels and North Pacific, which are due to start, have not yet been taken out.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER LONG FLIGHT.

FROM GEORGIA TO BRAZIL.

Brunswick, Georgia, Aug. 25. Flying in a Stinson-Detrolter monoplane, the "Port of Brunswick," the aviator Paul Redfern started from the beach at Glynn Isle on a 4,900 mile non-stop flight to Brazil.

Later. Redfern's objective is Rio de Janeiro, but he hopes to at least reach Pernambuco, whereby he will try for the long distance and endurance record.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW RADIO LINKS.

ENGLAND-INDIA ON SHORT-WAVE.

TELEPHONING POSSIBLE.

London, Aug. 25.

Short-wave wireless beam stations which have been built for the General Post Office by the Marconi Company at Grimsby and Skegness, for high-speed wireless communication with India, have successfully passed the seven day's official Post Office test.

The scheme to link up Great Britain with Canada, Australia, South Africa and India, by means of high-speed wireless telegraph services, decided upon by the Government in 1927, has thus been successfully completed, and the British Empire now possesses the most complete, up-to-date and efficient wireless telegraph service in the world.

Under Government contract with the Marconi Company, beam stations for communication with India were to be capable of sending and receiving at the same time, at a minimum speed of 100 words per minute, during a daily average of twelve hours. During the official test, this guarantee has been largely exceeded, the Marconi Company estimating that an average speed of between 130 and 150 words per minute has been maintained during from eighteen to twenty-one hours per day.

As a result of the tests, it is also estimated that the capacity of the Indian beam circuit is about 180,000 words per day in each direction.

Free from Atmospherics.

It is well-known that during the monsoon period India is one of the worst countries in the world for atmospheric interference, and the fact that the Indian beam stations have been able to work at such speed for hours on end, during the monsoon period, is a remarkable testimony to the freedom from atmospherics that is obtained by the use of beam receiving acrials.

Although the erection of the Indian beam stations completes the contract into which the Marconi Company entered for erecting stations for imperial wireless telegraph communication for the British Government, it by no means completes the immediate prospect of improving communication between Great Britain and the Dominions. Experiments have proved the possibility of carrying on a wireless telephone conversation by means of beam stations simultaneously with the operation of high-speed wireless telegraph services.

There is every prospect that before the end of next year, it will be possible for telephone subscribers in England to call up subscribers in any of the Dominions.

The English transmitting station of the Indian service, at Grimsby, and the receiving station at Skegness, are connected by land-lines to the Central Telegraph Office in London, from which actual operation of the stations is automatically controlled.

The transmission from England to India takes place on wavelengths of 16,286 metres and 34,163 metres, and from India to England on 16,286 metres and 34,483 metres.—*British Wireless.*

ECHO OF ANARCHISTS' EXECUTION.

PARIS RIOTERS IN COURT.

Paris, Aug. 25. In connexion with the rioting on August 24, the Correctional Court has sentenced 19 persons, including two women, to from a fortnight to six months' imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

Geneva Sentences.

Geneva, Aug. 25. In connexion with the Sacco-Vanzetti riots, many of those who were arrested have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 24 hours to 12 days. Several new arrests have been effected, including that of a 17-year-old student who is charged with directing the operations against the League of Nations building.—*Reuter.*

MR. BALDWIN AND CANADA.

A CORDIAL TELEGRAM OF THANKS.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS.

London, Aug. 25.

Mr. Baldwin has addressed the following telegram to the Premier of Canada:

"I am deeply indebted for the generous welcome and unbounded hospitality given to Mrs. Baldwin and myself, and to all my party, in Canada during three happy and memorable weeks. As my first act on returning to London, I should like to express to you again, and through you, to your colleagues in the Government, to every one who helped us, and indeed to all Canada, my most sincere and heartfelt thanks. It is a special pleasure to feel that, through the membership of His Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, with which I have been honoured, I shall have henceforward a permanent association with the fortunes and future of the Dominion.

I came to Canada with two thoughts uppermost in my mind. The first was to endeavour to interpret the spirit of Great Britain. If I have in any way succeeded, I shall be proud indeed. The second was to learn all I could of Canada, that I might, when I returned, help in some measure to interpret her to my countrymen. That task is for the days which are coming. I have done my best to learn. I can send no better wish to Canada than that, when a next Prime Minister of Great Britain visits her, he may find the same spirit and same optimism I have found in this year of the Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation.—*British Wireless.*

THE ARMY IN INDIA.

INDIANISATION AND EFFICIENCY.

Simla, Aug. 25.

An important statement on the question of Indianisation of the army in India was made by Sir William Birdwood before a crowded Assembly.

Replying to a resolution moved by Doctor Moonji, urging the adoption of the Indian Sandhurst Committee's report on the subject, Sir William Birdwood pointed out that the provisional views of the Government of India on the report were now before His Majesty's Government. The Committee in recommending Indianisation had emphasised that all the recommendations were subject to the maintenance of efficiency, and stressed the importance of retaining the requisite proportion of British officers in the Indian army. He hoped the resolution would be withdrawn after discussion. (Prolonged applause).—*Reuter.*

SIR AUSTEN TO GO TO GENEVA.

A SPECIAL GIFT FROM FRANCE.

London, Aug. 25. Sir Austen Chamberlain leaves London on Tuesday next for Paris, on his way to Geneva, for the meeting of the League of Nations, which opens the following Thursday.

On Wednesday, at Paris, as representative of Great Britain, he will be presented with a copy of the "Book of France," which is an epitome of France's past and present, specially prepared to mark French appreciation of Britain's part in the war.—*British Wireless.*

MOSCOW REFUSES PLEA.

TWO GENERALS EXECUTED.

Moscow, Aug. 25. It is officially announced that Generals Annenkov and Deniksov, who had apparently been granted a respite after trial on espionage charges, have been executed. The Central Executive having refused their petition for a reprieve.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN IN CHINA.

A FIRM POLICY FOLLOWED.

MANCHURIA CO-OPERATION.

Tokyo, July 30.

The Premier, General Tanaka, has set in motion machinery designed to revise Japan's policy in Manchuria. The policies of Japan with regard to China in general in the past have been changed in accordance with the requirements of times and the trend of events, but so far as Manchuria is concerned, Japan's policy has been notably consistent. The revision of Japanese policy in Manchuria, which the soldier-premier of Japan proposes, is not really a change in the general policy established since the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War. It rather aims to entrench and strengthen further the special position Japan claims to have in Manchuria, which position she declares she rightly earned through the expenditure of blood and money on those battlefields two decades ago.

One of the Premier's main planks in his new Manchurian policy is that Manchuria should be regarded as distinct from China proper, so that China's civil disturbances may not flow beyond the Great Wall of Peking into territory that has been thus far comparatively free from the internecine warfare which has thrown so large a part of China proper into turmoil and chaos. During the recent Far Eastern Conference, held in Tokyo to discuss the Chinese situation and what attitude Japan should take vis-a-vis her big neighbour, special emphasis was laid on the vast economic potentialities of Manchuria.

Commercial Future.

Several speakers, chiefly Japanese consuls and commercial attaches, visualized the commercial future of Manchuria as something magnificent. They dwelt at length on the agricultural wealth of that territory, on how wheat slowly is taking the place of beans and how Manchuria seems destined to become the greatest wheat producer in the East. Emphasis also was laid on the gold-fields in this Chinese province and on its immense lumber wealth.

The Far Eastern Conference were so impressed that the new policy of Japan in regard to Manchuria will, it has been virtually decided, be one where economic potentialities will be given prior consideration and peaceful penetration, with sufficient means whereby to prevent untoward disturbances, will form the guiding factors in the conduct of Japanese policy in Manchuria. The Premier also has promised to respect the principle of the open door and equal opportunity to all nationals in Manchuria and has clearly manifested the intention of his Government to drive any influence prejudicial to peace from this region. Further, he declared that, in so far as the Three Eastern Provinces are concerned, the Japanese Government will look upon Chang Tso-lin's regime as a legitimately functioning administration, and the Tokyo authorities always will be ready to extend assistance to the local authorities for the stabilization of political unrest in Manchuria.

THE U.S. NAVY'S STRENGTH.

REPORT OF INCREASE DENIED.

New York, Aug. 25. A *New York Times* message from San Francisco says that Mr. Wilbur, the Secretary of the Navy, denies the statement cabled yesterday of a 100 per cent. naval increase. According to the *Times*, Mr. Wilbur said the cruiser building programme will be based on the country's needs. The general board will decide what should be recommended to Congress. "They decided the country's needs before the Geneva Conference was called, so any future programme is independent of the results at Geneva."—*Reuter's American Service.*

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CHINESE DOCTORS EXONERATED.

PATIENT COLLAPSES DURING OPERATION.

On August 17, Lam Tok, a grass cutter, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from acute abdominal pains. He was taken there by a friend named Chung Chun, another grass cutter.

Through a misunderstanding with the ward officer, the name of the invalid was recorded as Chung Chun, aged 40, and when he died later that night, no one was aware that the dead man was in fact 57 years of age and was named Lam Tok. Three days later, as nobody went to the Hospital to claim the body, it was handed over to the authorities of the Tung Wah Hospital to be buried. A record was made in the books of the latter hospital that Chung Chun, aged 40, was buried on August 20.

A chair coolie who knew the deceased, on hearing that his friend was sick, went to the Tung Wah Hospital to enquire how he was getting on. He told the hospital authorities that he was looking for Lam Tok and was informed that no such person had ever been through the hospital. He was puzzled and notified the police, who, after making diligent inquiries, solved the mysterious disappearance of Lam Tok.

A Death Enquiry.

The circumstances surrounding Lam Tok's death were also interesting and Mr. R. E. Lindsell, sitting as Coroner, yesterday conducted an inquiry.

Dr. Phoon Sik-wa, M.B., B.S. (Hongkong University) who has also had some experience in Guy's Hospital, London, was the first witness called. He said he was a registered medical practitioner and qualified five years ago.

Mr. Lindsell: How long have you been in the Government Service?

Witness: I am not in the Government Service. I am on the University staff.

Mr. Lindsell: In the last five years have you performed a large number of operations at the Government Civil Hospital?

Witness: Yes, either by myself or with the help of others.

Continuing his evidence, witness said that ever since Professor Digby, who was the Professor of Surgery, went on leave, witness, as senior assistant, had been acting for the Professor.

Immediate Operation.

On August 17 he was summoned by the house physician at 9 p.m. to examine an urgent case. He saw a Chinese whose name was given as Chung Chun and the man complained of pains in the stomach. Witness diagnosed the disease and concluded the man had gall bladder trouble and needed an operation. Witness examined the man more closely and decided to operate almost immediately. He was assisted by Dr. Yeoh. The anaesthetist was Dr. Bau, who administered a mixture of chloroform and ether in the "open way."

On opening the abdomen, witness found, as he had expected, gall bladder trouble in the form of a very much distended gall bladder and what he suspected then to be a stone under one of the pipes. The gall bladder contained twenty ounces of decomposed bile and witness added that in a normal case the bladder could hold only two ounces. The stone was not very hard, as the post mortem later revealed. The doctor removed the bile and decided to allow the stone to remain untouched as it would go of itself later.

Patient Succumbs.

As witness was finishing the operation, the patient collapsed. That was while the gall bladder was being sewn up.

In answer to the Coroner witness stated that the patient did

NAVAL COLLISIONS.

DESTROYER SUNK IN JAPANESE MANOEUVRES.

Tokyo, Aug. 25.

Two collisions, both between a cruiser and a destroyer, occurred during the manoeuvres last night off Maizuru. The destroyer Warabi sank. Twelve officers and 117 ratings are missing.

It seems that the cruiser Jindzu collided with the Warabi in the dark, the destroyer sinking fifteen minutes later with a loss of 12 officers and 90 ratings. There are only 22 survivors of the whole ship's company. The bows of the Jindzu were badly damaged, necessitating the battle cruiser Kongo towing her to port.

About the same time the cruiser Naka collided with the destroyer Ashi, cutting into the after-part, resulting in a further loss of 27 ratings.

Subsequently the Naka, which was not seriously damaged, proceeded under her own steam to port for temporary repairs, but the Ashi had to be towed by the cruiser Abukuma.

Disaster Explained.

The navy spokesman describing the disaster stated that the combined fleet, having completed the main manoeuvres off Bungo Straits were returning to their base at Maizuru, practising measures for protection against night attack by destroyers.

The night was moonless and the warships had all their lights extinguished and were proceeding at full speed ahead through the inky blackness when the destroyer Jindzu launched its attack. The Warabi and Ashi were apparently attempting to cut in across the bows of the oncoming cruisers which were unable to change their course in time to avoid collision.

The search for the missing continues but there is little hope of being returned for their recovery.

Prince Hirooyoshi Fushimi is aboard the Naka but is unhurt.

Reuter.

not appear to him to be likely to die as a result of the operation. He added that in his opinion, if the operation was not performed at once, the man was likely to die that night.

The operation, added the witness, lasted under an hour, and as soon as the patient collapsed, artificial respiration was resorted to and injections were made, but their efforts were in vain.

The Coroner: Have you ever before had a patient who died under anaesthetic?

Witness: As far as I can remember, no.

Dr. Bau Tsu-zung, who administered the anaesthetic, was next called. He said he was a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and qualified in May 1926, in the Hongkong University. Between July 1926 and August this year, witness had administered anaesthetics no fewer than 500 times and never had any trouble. Sometimes a patient showed signs of collapse, but none of them died. The present was his first case in which a patient had died under anaesthetic.

A Weak Heart.

Witness said that the deceased seemed to have a weak heart, and if the case had not been an emergency one, he would not have agreed to act as anaesthetist. As it was, the man was bound to die during the night if the operation was not performed, and that being so, he took a risk. The man stood a better chance of surviving the operation than the disease.

This witness described the operation and said that when the patient collapsed every known method was employed to resuscitate him. He attributed the cause of death to heart failure due to shock, which might have been caused by the abdominal pain, cal evidence.

NANKING OUTRAGE ECHO.

COMPENSATION FOR WIDOW OF DR. S. SMITH.

Nanking, Aug. 19.

The Nationalists Government is forwarding a cheque for \$10,000 to Mr. H. Phillips, British Consul-General, for transmission to Mrs. Smith, widow of the late Dr. L. S. Smith, medical officer of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, who lost his life during the regrettable incidents following upon the capture of Nanking in March last.

When the present difficult circumstances of Mrs. Smith were made known recently to Dr. C. C. Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, he brought the matter up at a meeting of the Nationalist Government Council, and it was immediately decided to make a grant of \$10,000.

In a covering despatch to Mr. Phillips dated yesterday, the commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Nanking writes: "Under instructions of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, I enclose herewith a cheque for the amount with the request that you will be good enough to transmit it to Mrs. Smith. I am also instructed to ask you to convey to her an expression of the Government's regret and sympathy in her great bereavement."

PONIES KILLED.

TYPHOON HAVOC AT MACAO RACE CLUB.

It is understood that the typhoon havoc at Macao will have more far-reaching effects than was at first anticipated in the matter of sport in the Portuguese colony.

Reliable reports are to the effect that at least six of the race ponies were either killed or had to be destroyed as a result of injuries received, while practically nothing remains standing of the Race Club erections. The course, which was under water for a considerable period, is now drying up, but it will take a considerable time to get everything into shape again and it is extremely doubtful if the meeting scheduled to take place in October will be held.

aggravated by the operation and by the anaesthetic.

Evidence of the post mortem examination was next given by Mustapha Bin Osman, assistant Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology of the Hongkong University. He said that the causes of death given by Drs. Phoon and Bau were consistent with his examination.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, in answer to the Coroner, said that he thought the actions of Drs. Phoon and Bau were perfectly reasonable and that he would have done the same himself under similar circumstances. He considered Dr. Phoon an experienced surgeon and added that the same remarks applied to Dr. Bau.

Experienced and Careful.

Mr. Lindsell then addressed the jury and said it was clear that the deceased was the man Lam Tok. He said that if the jury were satisfied on that, they would further be satisfied that death was due by the causes described by Dr. Bau; and if that was so, then a verdict of death in accordance with the medical evidence should be returned.

"It seems clear," added Mr. Lindsell, "that these three doctors are experienced and careful practitioners and that no possible reflection can be cast on the methods that they employed in this case. If you are so satisfied, I suggest that you return a verdict on the terms I have indicated. You are, of course, at liberty to add your own views on this subject." The jury returned a verdict of death in accordance with the medical evidence.

OBITUARY.

SECOND-ENGINEER OF S.S. LUNGSHAN.

It is with regret that we have to record another loss to the shipping community in the person of Mr. "Bobbie" Parker, second engineer of S.S. Lungshan of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, which occurred with extreme suddenness at the house of Mr. Hanlon at East Point at 8.35 last evening.

The deceased officer had been in indifferent health for a long period, but not sufficiently so to incapacitate him. He left the ship at 5 p.m. last evening to dine with Mr. Hanlon of the Dairy Farm Company, it being arranged that they would later return to the Lungshan together, that ship being scheduled to sail at 1 a.m.

After dinner and during a general conversation, Mr. Parker suddenly collapsed and on examination it was found that he was extinct. Medical aid was called and the Police were informed and the body was subsequently removed to the Victoria Mortuary.

At the hour when the information was received, it was impossible to glean details of the service of deceased, but it is known that he leaves a wife and two young children, all of whom proceeded to Fremantle, Australia, a short time ago, having arrived there only two days ago.

Mr. Parker had been in the service of the Steamboat Company about two years and had served in the Lungshan for only one month. Always a popular and painstaking officer, he was greatly respected by his seafaring colleagues. He was a prominent member of the Freemasons and also of the Engineers Institute.

Before coming to the Colony Mr. Parker was chief engineer of a rice mill in Saigon for many years. The sympathy of the many friends in Kowloon, where Mr. and Mrs. Parker were well known, and of the deceased's maritime colleagues, will be extended to Mrs. Parker in her sudden and grievous bereavement.

It is understood that the funeral will take place this evening.

SACCO-VANZETTI RIOTS.

RIOT IN HAMBURG.

Berlin, Aug. 25.

During the Sacco-Vanzetti demonstrations here all was quiet but serious collisions with the police occurred in Hamburg last night. The mob attacked the police with stones and bottles and erected barricades on the tram-lines.

A policeman off duty was dragged from a tramcar and maltreated. He attempted to escape but collapsed. The mob fell on him with daggers and clubs and killed him. The police rushed up and were received with a hail of stones. They replied with their revolvers.

Order was restored early this morning after hard fighting. Many were wounded on both sides and there were many arrests.—Reuter.

CHINA WAR.

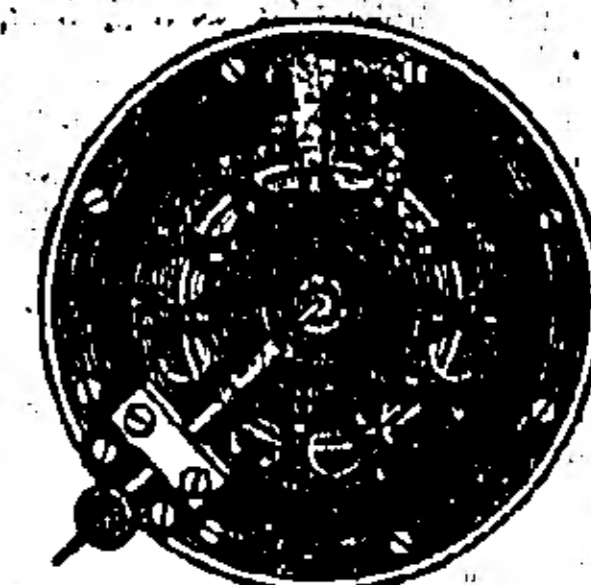
TUNGCHOW CAPTURED.

Shanghai, Aug. 25.

The Evening News reports the capture of Tungchow, or the model town of Nantungchow, yesterday by the forces of Sun Chuan-fang's 11th division under Cheng Chun-yen.

The Southerners are rushing reinforcements to Liuh to meet the Northern threat from Tungchow which is approximately 45 miles north west of Woesung, around which the northern squadron is reported to be still hovering.—Reuter.

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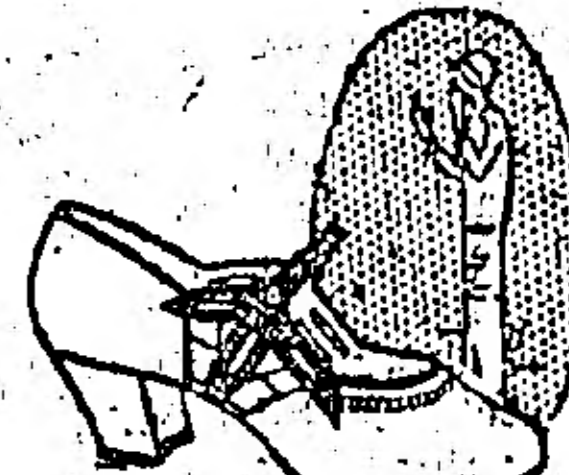
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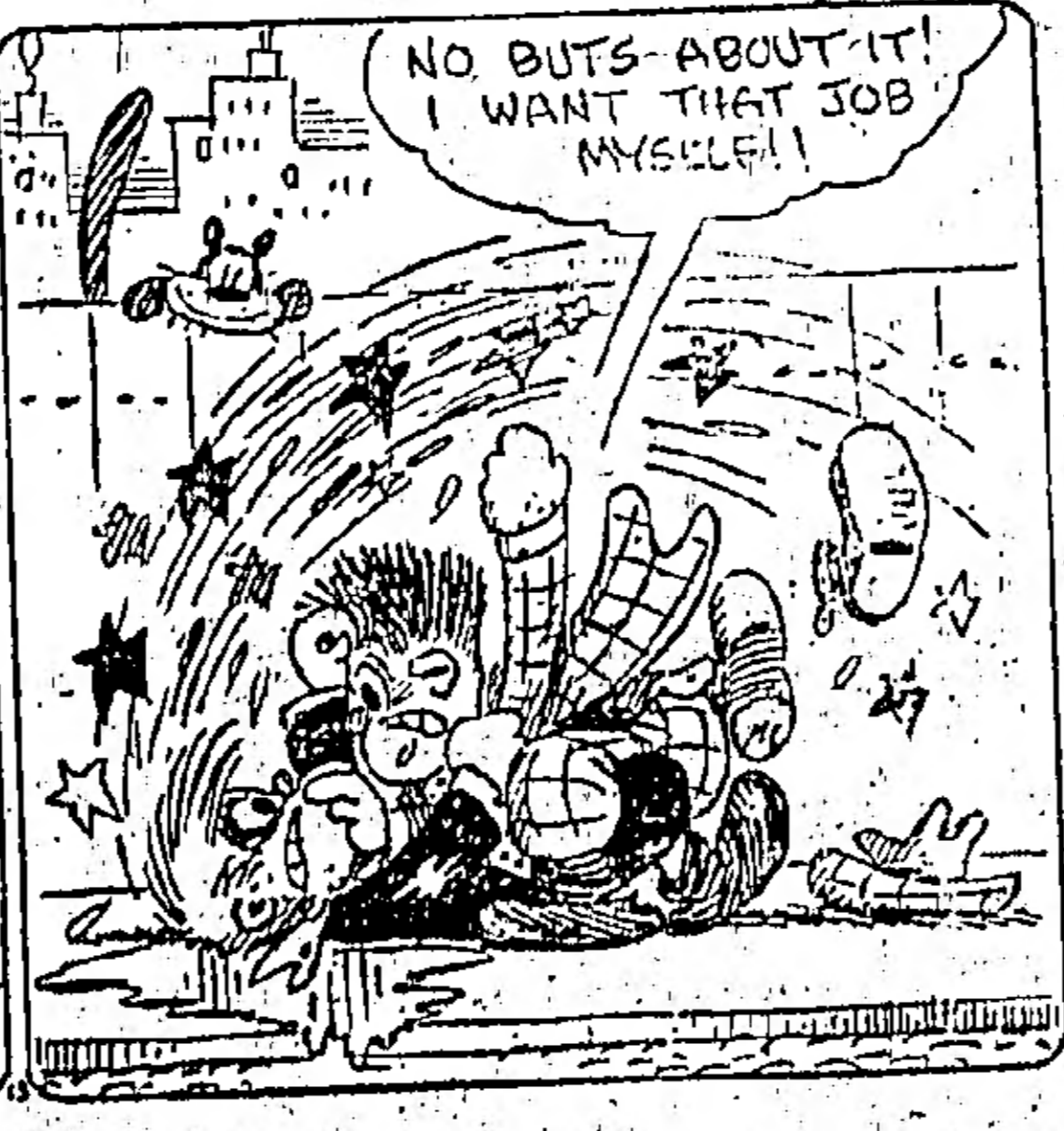
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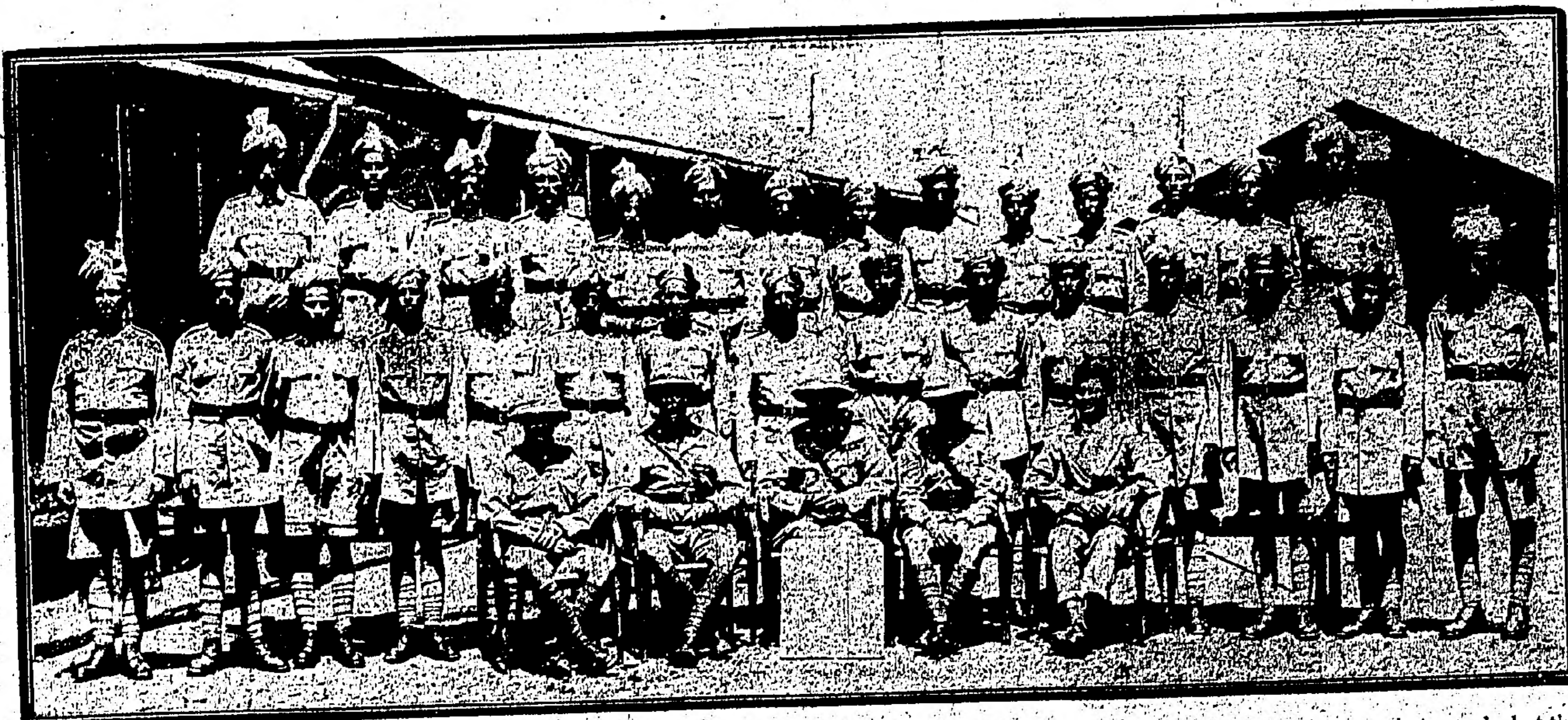
OPENING OF THE GLADSTONE DOCKS, LIVERPOOL. The King and Queen visited Liverpool on July 19, for the opening of the Gladstone Docks. Our photograph shows the s.s. Galatea, with the King and Queen on board, entering Branch Dock No. 1, where the official ceremony took place. (Times copyright).



THE KING AND QUEEN IN THE EAST END.—An enthusiastic reception was accorded their Majesties when they drove through the East End of London to visit the People's Palace, Stepney, and the Stratford works of the London and North Eastern Railway. Our photograph shows the Royal carriage passing along Mile End-Road. (Times copyright).



A SEA SCHOOL.—One way to learn to cater to the touring American is to serve as steward on a trans-Atlantic liner. That is what Roger Mollard is doing. He is the son of the proprietor of the famous Hotel Anglo-American at St. Lazare, France, which he probably will manage himself some day.



AMMUNITION SECTION OF THE I. A. O. C.—Officers and men of the No. 5 Ammunition Section of the Indian Army Ordnance Corps, photographed at the billets at Yangtzepoo, Shanghai. The officer seated in the front row is Lieutenant J. T. Chambers.

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Mon.	29	11 38	12 38	30	11 38
Tues.	30	12 18	1 38	31	12 18
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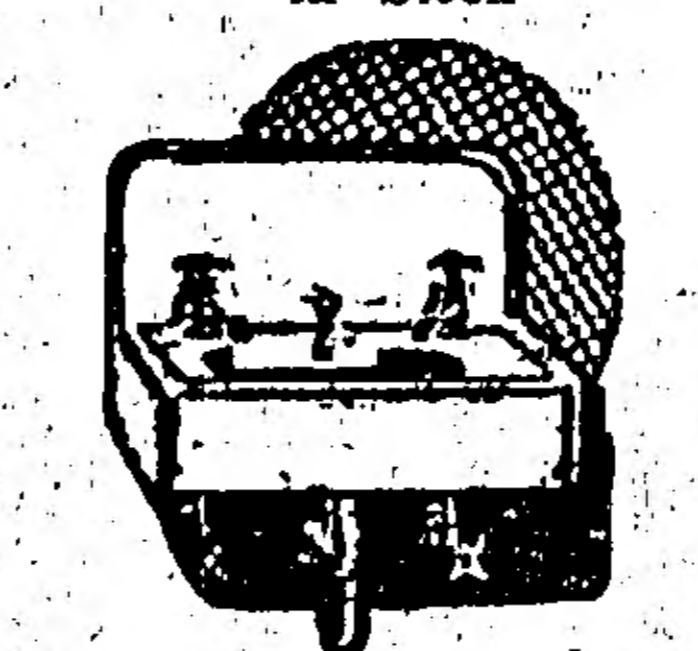
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Fri., Aug. 28.
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Formosa	Ganges Maru	Fri., Aug. 26, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and Wuchow	Taihang	Fri., Aug. 26, 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Skuld	Fri., Aug. 26, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo	Fri., Aug. 26, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	New Mathilde	Fri., Aug. 26, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Yatshing	Sat., Aug. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Sat., Aug. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumaang	Sat., Aug. 27.
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Straits	Norviken	Sat., Aug. 27, 2.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Aug. 28, 9 a.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Sun., Aug. 28, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, *Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Aug. 29.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registrations	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due San Francisco, 22nd Sept.)
Manila	Pres. Garfield	Mon., Aug. 29, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Chenoneaux	Tues., Aug. 30.
	Registrations	1.15 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
		(Due Marseilles 30th September.)
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Tues., Aug. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Saarland	Wed., Aug. 31, 8.30 a.m.
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Mr. F. B. Malim, master of Wellington College, endorsed the suggestion made by the B.M.A. He said:

We have had regular medical examinations for years. We even have a resident doctor.

Mr. G. C. Turner, master of Marlborough, said:

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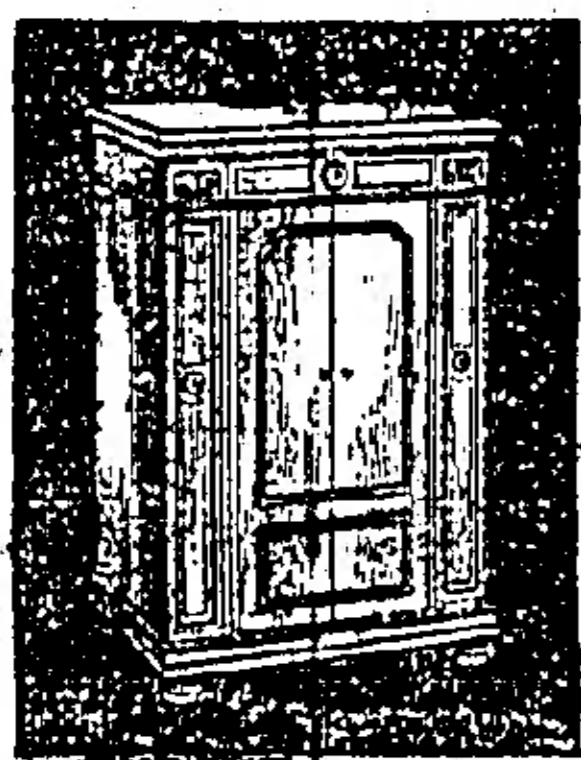
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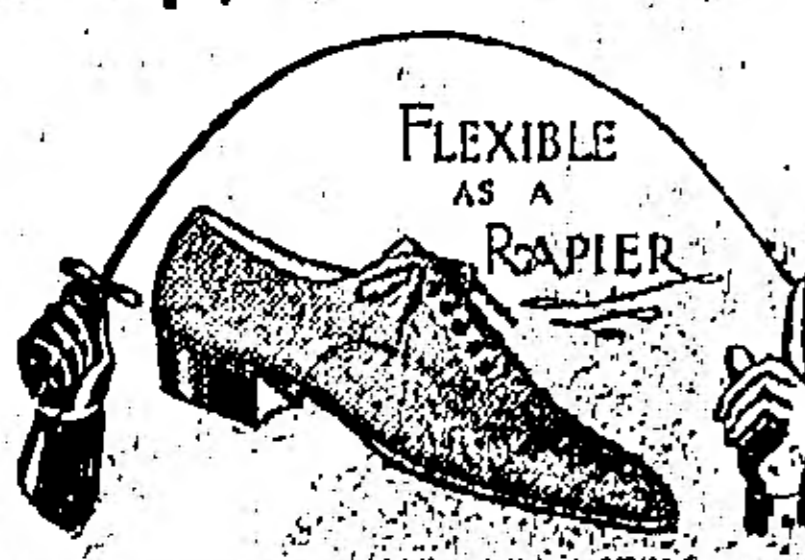


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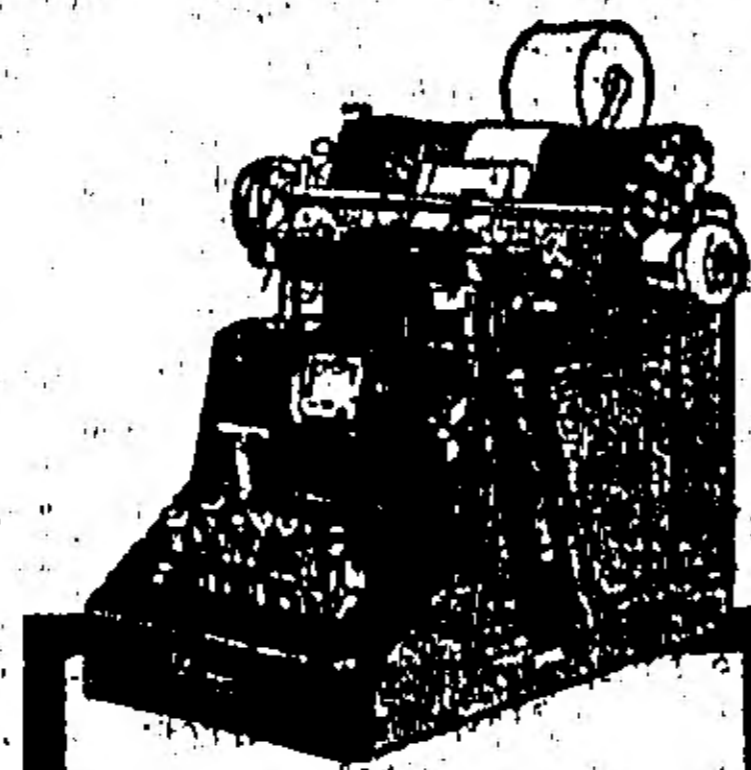
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DEATHS.

PARKER.—Suddenly in Hong-
kong, on the 25th August,
Broughton Parker, aged 42,
2nd Engineer, Hongkong Can-
ton and Macao Steamboat Co.,
Ltd. Funeral "passes" the
Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

GADILONIEN.—At the French
Hospital, Causeway Bay, early
this morning, following a
brief illness, the Rev. Bro.
Gadilonien (better known as
Brother Joseph) of St.
Joseph's College, aged 74
years. The funeral will pass
the Monument this evening at
5.15 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1927.

U.S. NAVAL "THREAT."

One hopes that Mr. Wilbur, the
Secretary of the Navy Department
of the United States, is not to
be taken literally when he an-
nounced on Tuesday that Con-
gress was going to be asked for a
100 per cent. increase in America's
naval shipbuilding programme.

If, as he says, the failure of the
Geneva naval conference is going
to result in the increase of the
American navy, then the worst
fears of those who tried to avoid
the breakdown are to be justified.
It was predicted that the failure
of the conference would lead to
bigger navies, but there were
those who were so convinced of
the foolishness and futility
of naval competition between
America and Britain that they
did not share the apprehensions
of the scare-mongers. Unfortu-
nately, it looks as though Mr. Wilbur
is out for tonnage parity with
Britain, an aim somewhat un-
justified if there is any substance
to the plea that war between the
United States and Britain is an
unthinkable contingency that need
not enter into one's calculations.
We notice that in some of the
latest newspapers to hand from
Home, dated just before the
breakdown of the conference,
there is some questioning as to
why Britain should not be willing
to have tonnage parity with the
United States. In one of the
radical journals (a very influential
organ, be it noted) there is much
argument in favour of Britain
accepting the American viewpoint,
and although, for our own part,
we do not agree with the line of
argument, it is interesting to give
it in order to learn whether Bri-
tain was foolish or otherwise in
agreeing to differ from the United
States.

The argument, in brief, is that
as it was obvious that the United
States had made up its mind to
insist on tonnage parity it were
better for Britain to agree than
disagree. If the idea of war be-
tween the two countries is so re-
pugnant, there is surely nothing
to fear in consenting to be on
tonnage parity, even though Bri-
tain's navy is in war time called
upon to perform 'prodigious feats
of ocean policing. Excluding
America as a possible enemy,
Britain could rest easy on the
basis of parity. Furthermore,
refusal to agree to America's
parity basis would inevitably lead
to America building up to the
British standard, which, in turn,
would doubtless lead Britain to
build more in order to avoid the
tonnage parity on which there
was failure to reach an agree-
ment. Such building programmes
would have their inevitable effect
on the programmes of the other
navies of the world, and thus
there would be precipitated a
naval building competition direct-
ly at variance with the aims or
objects of the conference. The
impending armament reduction
conference which is to be held at
Geneva will have had its chances
of success seriously imperilled by
this breakdown of the parity held
by America, Japan and Britain—the
three big naval Powers whose
lead in such matters is essential.
The consequences of failure would
be far more serious to Britain
than would be the surrender of its
stand upon the number of
light cruisers required, and there-
fore broad-minded statesmanship
should have come to the rescue
to save the conference from being
a miserable failure.

Such were the arguments put
forward, by Liberal and Labour
publicists just before the end,
and we all know how such argu-
ments did not prevail, and how the
very minimum number of light
cruisers necessary for patrol and
police work was fixed and rigidly
adhered to. We only refer to
the matter now because we see
that the head of the "American
Navy department discloses what
seemingly is the intention of
the administration—an intention
which we think will be generally
deplored outside the ranks of
American citizens. In this mat-
ter of naval "limitation" we are
indeed travelling a strange road.
[The above was written prior
to the receipt to-day of a news
telegram indicating a denial of the
statement attributed to Mr. Wil-
bur.]

Far East Air Mails.

The news that an air and pas-
senger service between Osaka and
Shanghai is being inaugurated, em-
phasises the want of enterprise
which has hitherto prevented simi-
lar attempts between other Far
Eastern ports. The company
which is at the back of the Japan-
Shanghai scheme deserves every
encouragement, and it is to be hoped
that it will meet with success. Then
perhaps, the idea will extend, and
in the not distant future it will be
possible to travel, or send mails,
by air, between, say, Hongkong
and Shanghai, and Hongkong and
Manila, and thus link up much of
the coast by aeroplane. The
feasibility of flights along the
China coast, and between here and
the Philippines, has been de-
monstrated by the world fliers
who have come out this way
within the past three years or so.
The Japan-Shanghai project was
mooted some time ago, and has at
length materialised. It is an en-
couragement; for much has been
heard in the past about similar
schemes of local import, which have
never been transformed into action.
It will be recalled that, about six
years back, there was a plan for
aerial connexion between Hongkong
and Macao, and a number of sea-
planes were procured for the pur-
pose. Nothing came of the idea,
for some reason or other. Later,
a visitor to the Colony revived the
suggestion, and even had a scheme
for a link with Shanghai. There
was talk of support being forthcom-
ing from the northern port, but
again nothing eventuated, and the
public, interested in the project,
were left to presume that it was
not a practical possibility. Yet
anyone who examines the capabili-
ties of modern machines, especially
the flying-bout type, and of trained

DAY BY DAY.

WOMEN ARE NEVER STRONGER THAN
WHEN THEY ARM THEMSELVES WITH
THEIR WEAKNESS.—Deffand.

There was one Chinese case of
typhoid fever reported yesterday.

The Ben Line s.s. Benglos is due
here from Home ports on Septem-
ber 2nd.

The s.s. Empress of Asia, is due
at Shanghai, on her way to Hong-
kong, to-morrow morning.

H.M.S. Calliope, which arrived
in harbour on Wednesday is sail-
ing for the north to-day.

The vernacular press states that
it is estimated the damage done
to two Chinese shops set on fire
during the recent rioting at Hai-
phong amounts to \$300,000.

There will be service in the
Peak Church on Sunday next at
6.30 p.m. when the preacher will
be the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander,
C.F. All seats are free.—Adv.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is
due here at 8.30 on Tuesday morn-
ing, and will berth at No. 5 pier,
Kowloon wharf. She is due to
leave for Manila the following
day, at 5 p.m.

On inquiry this morning it was
learned that a conference between
the C.M.C. officers and the Com-
pany was held in Shanghai yester-
day, but the result of the con-
ference was not disclosed, neither
was information forthcoming of
any future meeting of the parties.

Macao residents are in for a
treat on Saturday evening, when
the very fine band of the Welch
Regiment will, by permission of
Lieut.-Col. T. G. Mathias, D.S.O.,
give a concert in the Macao Club
Theatre. The concert will be under
the distinguished patronage of
H. E. the Governor of Macao.

Captain E. I. M. Barrett, Com-
missioner of Police, has appointed
a commission, consisting of Captain
R. M. J. Martin, Major K. M.
Bourne, and Superintendent J.
Burnside, to make a detailed in-
vestigation of the incident when P.
C. Crowther shot and killed a Chi-
nese detective attached to Yangtze-
po station, whilst both were after
armed robbers.

The Hospital Comforts Com-
mittee begs to acknowledge, with
many thanks, receipt of gram-
phone records from Mrs. H. K.
Holmes, parcels of literature from
Mrs. A. R. Sutherland and the
Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, packs
of playing-cards, from Messrs.
Donneley and Whyte, and 500
maps of China from the South
China Morning Post.

The following ships were expected
to be in wireless communication
with Hongkong to-day: Rinda,
President McKinley, Daviken, West
Cayote, Yuensang, Kumsang, City
of Bath, Chakang, Cremen, Tji-
sondori, Hector, West Elcajon,
Kinko Maru, Deli Maru, Takwa
Maru, Menado Maru, Takao Maru,
Tijitaroom, Antenor, Times Maru,
Suisang and Norviken.

Twenty-nine Chinese found
guilty of armed robbery and other
serious crime within the Settle-
ment of Shanghai were executed
by the Chinese Authorities dur-
ing last month. Some twenty
prisoners were executed for
offences committed in Chinese ter-
ritory. Included in this number
was the paymaster of the Chinese
Communists in Shanghai.

Estate in Hongkong to the value
of \$15,000 was left by Li Chok-kai,
late of 20, Po Yuen Tai Street,
Canton, who died at that address
on or about October 19, 1923. He
died intestate, being survived by
a six years old boy. Letters of
Administration have been granted
to his widow, Li Ng-shi, who is
temporarily residing at 147, Con-
naught Road Central, first floor.

A collision occurred between
one of the army Morris six-wheel-
ed lorries and a China Bus Com-
pany bus in Nathan Road yester-
day. A report received by the
police states that the bus pulled
out into the middle of the road-
way in attempting to pass an-
other bus, but for some reason or
other suddenly stopped. The
army lorry, which was following
closely behind, then collided with
the bus. Material damage was
caused to the rear portion of the
latter vehicle, while the crank-
handle of the lorry was driven
right into its radiator.

pilots, will realise that an aerial
service up and down the China coast
and on to Japan, with, if necessary,
stops at several places en route,
is a practicability, and worthy of
all support, both public and official.
The Osaka-Shanghai flight is thus
a pioneering effort which will be
looked upon with the greatest inter-
est.

DEATH OF REV. BRO. JOSEPH.

BIG LOSS TO CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY.

We regret to report that the Rev.
Bro. Joseph, of St. Joseph's Eng-
lish College, died this morning, at
6.20, at the French Hospital at
Causeway Bay, after a brief ill-
ness. Death has occurred at the
ripe age of 74 years.

The very many members of the
local Catholic community, and
particularly those who in their
early years received their tuition
at his hands, will learn with pro-
found sorrow of the loss of their
old friend and revered teacher.
Being the "Grand Old Man" of the
Institution of Christian Brothers,
and of the College which he helped
to found in the Colony, his
passing has removed a familiar
and well-loved figure from local
Catholic and educational circles.

Born in France in the year 1853,
the late Brother Joseph entered
the Order of St. John Baptist de la
Salle at an early age, being
sent out to the Far East in 1874,
where he served successively at
the Colleges established by the
Order of Christian Brothers at
Singapore, Saigon and Hongkong.
Leaving here on transfer to
Saigon, he returned to Hongkong
in 1900, and had since taught
without a break at the local
institution.

The generations of pupils who
have passed through his hands
will remember him as a lovable
character, extraordinarily active
and energetic for his years, and a
thoroughly adept and patient
teacher.

Thus for over thirty years of
his association with the local
College, he had continued to
instruct in the kindergarten class,
where "he doubtless found the
work entirely to his liking and
where he was a great favourite
with the youngsters.

His chief and only form of re-
creation was walking, and for more
than three decades the active figure
of the grey-bearded old man, a stout
stick in hand, and clad in the gown
of the Order, was to be seen getting
out at a brisk pace along the roads
of the middle levels.

He regarded ramambulation
around the Island as a mere
nothing, and often set the pace for
his charges at week-end walking
picnics, a pace which would have as-
tonished those who were not ac-
quainted with his temperamental or
the extent of his wonderful energy.

It was related that once, when at
Castle Peak with a party, it was
discovered that the last launch had
left and there were no means of
securing a motor-car. Notwith-
standing the shortage of provisions,
the remainder of the party resigned
themselves to the inevitable and re-
mained there over-night. Not so
Bro. Joseph who, declaring that he
had business to attend to early the
following morning, set out on
foot, reaching the Colony in time to
catch the last ferry.

Until a week ago he was in the
best of health. He was then taken
ill, and removed to the French Hos-
pital, where he passed away this
morning, as stated.

The funeral takes place this
afternoon, passing the Monument
at 5.30.

TYPHOON PICTURES.

A FULL PAGE TO-MORROW.

In addition to the pictures we
have already published of damage
caused by the typhoon, our issue
of to-morrow will contain a full
page of illustrations showing the
havoc caused by last Saturday's
storm.

This gives a vivid idea of the
widespread damage done and
makes an interesting record of
what has, so far, been the most
serious typhoon of the year.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, August 25.	
Paris	124
New York	4.86 5/32
Brussels	24.92
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.13 1/4
Milan	89 1/4
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	16.70
Oso	16.70
Vienna	34.57
Prague	104
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	28.35
Lisbon	27/15
Athens	372
Bucharest	781
Rio	5.27/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/5 27/32
Shanghai	2/5 1/4
Hongkong	1/11 1/32
Yokohama	1/11 1/32
Silver (spot)	25 1/4
Silver (forward)	25 3/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

A new broom sweeps clean,
provided the person who propels
it has reasonably good eyesight,
careful habits and an abundance
of time.

Early to bed and early to rise
makes a man healthy, wealthy and
wise, if he is not troubled with
insomnia, "eats what is good for
him, has himself examined by a
physician regularly and invests
money both prudently and for-
tunately.

Time and tide wait for no man,
but no man need wait for them if
his judgment is sound enough to
lead him to book passage on a
fast boat.

Beggars should not be choosers,
but they should at least use dis-
crimination relative to those from
whom they ask alms.

Where there is so much smoke
there should be some smoke pre-
vention.

A bird in the hand is worth two
in the bush, except in such cases
as the two in the bush are worth
twice as much as the one in the
hand.

A rolling stone gathers no moss,
but the economic value of moss is
low and the rolling stone is more
easily moved than one having be-
come settled in life.

Time is money, but no bank will
accept it for deposit.

The types of doctors who at-
tended the B.M.A. conferences in
Edinburgh, are too numerous to
mention severally. Two distinc-
tive brands of them, however,
predominated (according to an
argus-eyed correspondent).

One was the older, suave, home-
ly family doctor, who looks with
sympathetic concern at the bilious
schoolboy and murmurs, "Mm—
Yes, just so. A slight stomach
turn. Keep him in bed for a day
or two and he'll be quite alright."
The other specimen was the
member of the modern school,
who surveys the same bilious
young man with a small smile and
says, "You've been eating too much,
you greedy little devil. Give him
a bucket of castor oil."

Young woman at Willesden:
All the trouble arose over some
paper hats we bought for our
beano.

A woman told the Old-street
magistrate that her husband spent
his week's holiday in knocking her
about.

Man at Wood Green: He hit
me 200 times, Solicitor: And
you are here to tell the tale.
Man: I am an old soldier, and
old soldiers never die.

Mr. Cairns, Thames magistrate:
If you are going to have a family
row it is better to have it sober.

Nottingham wife: My husband
did not provide me with all I
wanted. Solicitor: No husband
ever did!

An ambitious youth came from
the Highlands in order to join
the police. He passed the usual
examination, and was then inter-
viewed.

"Well, young man," said an
officer, "you look like a promising
young fellow. You have a good
general knowledge, I hope? Can
you tell me how many miles it is
from Edinburgh to Glasgow?"
The potential policeman became
alarmed.

"Look here, sir," he blurted out,
"if you are going to put me on a
beat of that length I'd rather re-
turn to the croft and help father
with the sheep."

The insularity of the English-
man has not yet disappeared.—
The Bishop of London.

Pessimists suffer from a con-
tinuous state of commercial
"D.T.'s."—Sir Edwin Stockton.

I do not know what is best to be
done about the speed limit.—Sir
Wm. Joynson Hicks.

Our roadway traffic is rapidly
drifting to a state of self-destruc-
tion.—Mr. Archie Henderson.

If a man takes on a job, it is his
duty to do it thoroughly; or give
it up.—Prince Arthur of Con-
naught.

There are times when the limita-
tions of our mortal state weigh
down upon us and press all the
gaiety out of us.

An American Methodist bishop
has just "kissed Gipsy Smith, the
Evangelist, on the brow." O for
a muse of fire! How I ache to
celebrate the thing in monumental
verse, but the subject is too great
for me. I see the Dawn; the
Dawn of the little modern pro-
phets. I see Truth and Beauty
take hands and begin a stately
measure. I see freedom broad-
ening down from precedent to pre-
cedent, and the Age of Perfect
Peace and Good Will established.
Discord hides her ugly head, the
bells ring out, the sword is beaten
into a ploughshare. The Metho-
dist bishop has kissed the Evange-
list on the brow.

A Chinese was removed to the
Government Civil Hospital yester-
day suffering from the effects of
an overdose of Chinese medicine.
He died at 2.30 this morning.

IN CANTON FROM DAY
TO DAY.COMMUNISTS STILL SCHEME
AND DREAM.

CHIANG TO COME SOUTH.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Aug. 25.
The Anti-Counter-Revolutionary Society, which was formed with the object of capturing Canton, has gone to pieces on account of the fact the Kuomintang members have refused to have any connexion with it. At first, the Society was composed of Communists and radical Kuomintang members, but now the latter have withdrawn because of the fall of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

However, the Communists are determined to carry on their schemes despite the exit of Messrs. Sun Fo and Chen Shi-yun from their fold. Only yesterday, their agents distributed handbills on the Bund and other crowded places with a view to stirring up animosity against the present administration.

These Communists want to overthrow both the Nanking and Hankow leaders on the ground that they do not adhere to the "Three Policies" of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen viz.—(1) Alliance with Russia, (2) Fusion between the Communists and the Kuomintang, and (3) Support the Farmers and Workers.

A Military Threat.

General Ho Chup-ung who is in Swatow has reported to the Military Headquarters in Canton that the "Red" forces of Generals Yip Ting and Ho Lung are fast approaching Kwangtung territory via Fukien and Swatow.

Swatow and vicinity, according to General Ho, is in danger. At present, there are about 5,000 government troops stationed there, but it is feared that this number is not sufficient to meet the "Iron-sides" of General Yip Ting, whose present object is to occupy Chiu Chow, Swatow, and Mui Yuen.

General Li Chai-sum, who is officially reported to have returned to Canton, is asked to dispatch soldiers at once to the Eastern towns and districts. General Ho Chup-ung says that the 20,000 soldiers guarding the northern frontier should be withdrawn to the East River Valley, where the real danger lies.

Chiang Coming South?

It is stated here that a Nationalist battleship now lies at anchor near Ningpo, with steam up in constant readiness to convey Chiang South. From other information gathered, it is believed that Chiang will soon proceed to Hongkong where he will board a steamer for Europe. A large sum, it is stated, has been remitted to Paris for the travelling expenses of the former Nationalist commander.

On Tuesday evening last a fierce battle was fought between bandits and police in a quiet residential district near Sai Kwan, which resulted in several deaths. The bandits, who were notorious in the North River district, recently came to Canton to take advantage of the troubles created by the "Red" agitators.

The police got wind of their whereabouts and a large body of policemen and detectives were sent to raid the brigands' house. They resisted arrest and a revolver battle was fought.

Two bandits were shot dead and four of them were captured alive. A police captain was killed and another was wounded. One police constable was also wounded. A woman, who happened to be close by, was hit in the breast. Later, ambulances arrived to take away the injured to hospital.

A MAN'S FOUR
VERSIONS.IN TROUBLE OVER WOMAN'S
CLOTHING.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with being in unlawful possession of woman's clothing.

The man, in pleading not guilty, said he picked up the clothing in an alley-way.

His Worship reminded him that it was his fourth story told in the case. When first arrested, he had told the police that the clothing belonged to his sister. Then he told them that his mother gave the clothing to him. After that he said he picked it up from the street, and now he had again altered his story and said that he found the property in an alley-way.

A fine of \$10, with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour, was imposed.

GROWTH OF POLICE
RESERVE.FLYING SQUAD A WELCOME
ADDITION.

MANY MEN QUALIFY.

The announcement that the original Police Flying Squad has been disbanded and formed into the motor-cycle section of the Hongkong Police Reserve, will have created little or no surprise, because such a move was sure to come sooner or later in the effort to provide the Colony with a Police Reserve of a high standard of efficiency.

Originally the Flying Squad was separate from the Reserve, and came under the designation of the Special Constabulary. As is generally known, members of the Special Constabulary are not trained, and do not wear uniform, but an exception was made in the case of the motor-cycle section.

By bringing this section under the Police Reserve, a much better standing will be attained, and the close co-operation which will now be possible between these two groups of trained men will make for a much higher degree of efficiency.

As was pointed out by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, when the Flying Squad was first formed, a motor cycle is about the only vehicle that can get to any given spot in a given time, owing to the geographical lay-out of the Colony, and for that reason the wisdom of the change cannot be doubted.

As is generally known a definite but not onerous period of training is required of a Reserve, and this also now applies to the Flying Squad in a modified form. At present they will be called upon to do one routine run every Thursday, and members are expected to take part at least twice a month. They will be required to do ordinary squad drill, and must take a course of police lectures. Practically all the men have already qualified in revolver shooting.

The idea has in no way diminished the enthusiasm that was shown when the Flying Squad was first organised, practically every member having re-joined in the Police Reserve. In addition the change has apparently found favour with others, not yet members, as there has been a big request for particulars since the change was announced.

Indians and Chinese.

Latest figures with regard to the unmounted companies show that the Chinese have nearly reached the full strength of 100, and the Indians 50. The international foot company is still in the process of formation, and it is not proposed to commence activities with this company until the cool weather arrives.

Half of the Chinese have passed out of Part I, squad drill and rifle exercise, and are now taking Part II, lectures on police duties. Nearly all have passed out at revolver shooting. With regard to the Indian company, about twelve have qualified in Part I, and the more advanced members are to shoot at the range to-morrow.

It is hoped that all the Chinese and Indian members will have qualified as efficient within a month from now.

SHEK-KI FERRY
RELEASED.A QUESTION OF THE
SURTAX.

It is learned that the Shek-ki ferry junk, which was recently detained by the military at Shek-ki, has been released and has returned to the Colony.

It appears that cargo worth \$40,000 had not been inspected for surtax by the Customs at the Chinese port, and the boat was detained, while a confiscation order was put into execution.

However, as a result of the Canton Government being officially petitioned in the matter, the confiscation order was rescinded, and the cargo was released on a satisfactory explanation being given by the Company.

THE WEATHER
OUTLOOK.

FINE PERIOD PREDICTED.

The Royal Observatory reported at 11.15 a.m. to-day that the anticyclone is now central to the north-east of Japan. Pressure is low over Tonking.

The typhoon is about 200 miles E.S. of Naha, moving N.N.E.

The new typhoon is about 200 miles N.W. of Guam, moving N.W.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is: Light, variable winds; fine.

AID OF CHINESE.

HOW SHANGHAI CAN
BENEFIT.

CO-OPERATION WELCOMED.

Many years ago, just after the establishment of the glorious Republic, the writer of these lines was travelling in a remote mountain prefecture of a remote province in which a stalwart old man, a general who had come up in Manchukuo days because of great physical prowess and personal courage, enjoyed dictatorial power and wielded it without too much injustice. In the course of conversation the qualities of the new Republic came up for discussion, and, after smiling thoughtfully for a few minutes, he told the story of an experiment which he had made in his little realm, states a leader writer in the *North-China Daily News*.

The son of a friend had come back from the coast saturated with the theories of representative government and had urged the old man to put them into effect. After much discussion he agreed to experiment with one hsien district. It was a poor country, and the magistrate's post was usually sold for \$20,000 a year, over and above which taxes and the like yielded little. The old general sent the enthusiast to the town to explain the forms and rules of self-government and to offer the people autonomy in exchange for the usual price of the magistracy. The citizens were to elect their own magistrate and advisory board, who would collect the taxes, refund the \$20,000 to the subscribers and spend the rest on schools, roads and other public services.

A Costly Experiment.

The townspeople were enthusiastic and the money was promptly subscribed. Then came the election of the magistrate. Before it was done it cost the successful candidate \$80,000, and the posts on the advisory board were also rather expensive. The rulers elect were all respectable members of the local gentry. Within a month they had demolished the yamen and two schools and sold the materials. Justice became very expensive and new taxes were levied with "Nationalist" abandon. Murmurs of disapproval reached the old general from furtive little groups of merchants, farmers, scholars and the like, but he was deaf to them. At the end of three months the elected magistrate fled for his life and his council dissolved itself by hasty unanimous vote. Soldiers had to be sent to quell the riot, and a few days later a very large deputation arrived asking for the appointment of a magistrate. It was estimated that the three months' experiment had cost a poor community \$300,000, a yamen, two schools and more bad feeling than could be lived down in a generation.

We never hear the suggestion for an autonomous Shanghai, free from military control, made that we do not think of that pathetic experiment. We should not like to see the Chinese communities around the foreign Settlements made absolutely autonomous, irresponsible to any outside authority, wholly at the mercy of gentry and rich merchants, unaccustomed to power but accustomed to vigilant official check, until they had grown up to it. We could cite other instances in which the rapacity of the local gentry has exceeded anything that a greedy but responsible official would risk displaying. It outdoes officialdom as the looting of the insatiable mob outdoes the superficial looting of a party of soldier bandits.

A Chinese Municipality.

We felt when Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's scheme for a Chinese municipality here was proposed that it provided the safeguards essential to the education of the Chinese community up to self-government, and endorsed it. A check of some sort from above seems to us absolutely essential; and we should hate to see Shanghai launched into self-government without it. A disastrous experiment in our suburbs would be very expensive to the Settlement; it must be remembered. There are two ways in which the growth of autonomous institutions in the Chinese communities could be fostered and checked. One is through reasonably intelligent and fair supervision from a sane chief in Nanking, and the other is through a foreign hegemony over the outlying districts. We should not want to see the foreign community support a declaration of self-government in these districts until one or the other of these checks had been provided.

Granted that either system were in force, however, we should most heartily endorse much closer co-operation between the Settlement and the purely Chinese communities. A great city is always handicapped by having to grow in patches under diverse administrations. A federation of autonomous towns,

CANTON OFFICIALS
CAUTIOUS.ARRESTS ON BOARD THE
S.S. TUNG ON.

DEFEATING THE "REDS."

(A Special Correspondent.)

Canton, Aug. 25.
The recent order from the local Government, urging the police authorities to be more vigilant and give their undivided attention to the safety of people and property, has had good effect. Almost nightly a few marauders are arrested for disturbing the peace and in most cases these delinquents are proved to be tools of the "Reds." Cordons of police are posted in all the main thoroughfares and passers-by are subjected to search.

On the arrival of the s.s. Tung On from Hongkong yesterday afternoon soldiers and police boarded the vessel and, keeping the passengers from disembarking, arrested two well-dressed Chinese. One, in foreign dress, and with much luggage bedecked with evidence that he had travelled far, is said to be a Singaporean and a well-known "Red" agent at that port. I gathered that the police were acting on advice from Hongkong that these Bolsheviks were aboard. The No. 2 Pilot of the Tung On was also arrested, but whether he is known to be a "Red" or not has not been ascertained. The Captain of the vessel paid a visit to Police Headquarters with a view to effecting the release of the man. The Captain's mission, however, was not fruitful, and the pilot remains in prison.

New Rent Tax.

A new Rent tax, ten cents in every dollar, is to be levied on all landlords and such tax is to be collected and kept by the Police authorities. It is said that this money is needed for the purchase of new arms, those in present use being old and practically unserviceable.

Central Bank Notes.

All the Tobacco Companies in the city have made a stand to-day and from now onward will refuse to receive Central Bank notes. It is possible that most of the larger firms, dealing in other goods, will follow their example. This places the Central Bank in a serious predicament. If the merchants are successful in their attitude it will mean the collapse of the bank, and the general opinion is that the merchants will win the fight. Very little business is being done at the bank, or with Central Bank notes. Most of the money changers have closed their doors, the reasons given being that, what with possible arrest and the fact that people are dealing direct with the bank, getting a better exchange thereby, it is not worth while carrying on.

Gen Li To Return.

Mr. Cheung Nam-sing, head of the Land Office, returned from Wuchow to-day and on being interviewed, stated that Gen. Li Chai-sum is shortly returning to Canton, and that the news of the General being at Shanghai is fiction spread by the anti-Government party.

FLY NUISANCE.

TWO WOMEN FINED.

Mr. W. E. Hollands, land-bailiff attached to the P.W.D., charged two Chinese women before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with trespassing on Crown land, at Hospital Road.

A complaint was received from the doctors at the Government Civil Hospital in regard to these women drying coconut fibre in the vicinity of the Hospital, which had caused a nuisance in the form of flies. Defendants had been repeatedly warned, but had paid no attention.

A fine of \$2 each was inflicted.

with a kind of federal authority over certain public functions of common interest to all, would at once sweep away innumerable problems without costing the Settlement a single one of its essential safeguards; and we feel certain that something of the sort must very shortly come. China's continued decline into anarchy at the present rate will inevitably bring foreign control in some degree, over the whole area from Wuchow to Lunghua; while a not impossible return to sanity under new masters in Nanking might easily bring an arrangement most satisfying to Chinese "nationalistic" tendencies. We express no preference in this matter, for the choice will be dictated by circumstances beyond our control, but we hope, as most of our readers must, that the change—whatever it is to be—will come quickly.

PERIL IN SHANGHAI
OUTSKIRTS.BANDITS HOLD UP TWO
FOREIGNERS.

A LADY INVOLVED.

Another Great Western Road tragedy was nearly enacted on Tuesday night when two foreigners—a lady and gentleman—were held up by Chinese bandits, shot at, and robbed of what they possessed, says a Shanghai paper. Bullets struck the steering wheel of the motor car they were using, and smashed it, glancing off toward the occupants, but fortunately missing them. The gentleman and lady both were greatly frightened and, it is reported that the lady, who is an American, is suffering from nervous trouble as a result.

From accounts available, it seems that the two were driving in the outlying district and had reached Great Western Road. By a coincidence they stopped the car within 200 yards of the scene of a former tragedy—the place where Mrs. Frelowa's body was found. Barely had they brought the car to a stop when a band of armed robbers approached them. The gentleman had opened the door and was alighting, when they approached, two on one side of the tonneau and six on the other.

An English-Speaking Chief.

Threatening they pointed their pistols at the couple. One of the two on the driver's side, speaking good English, said, "We are here to rob, do not make any false moves, or we will shoot." According to the story, whilst he was speaking one of the gang on the other side fired a round and struck the steering wheel, shattering it, the bullet dropping on the floor of the car. There other shots were fired, but none took effect.

The leader of the bandits quietened the gang, and after order had been restored, the men went through the gentleman's pockets and the lady's hand bag, removing jewellery and personal effects and cash, totalling in value more than \$200. The car was then left by the bandits, who made off towards Fahwah Village, the notorious rendezvous of vicious characters, and the couple returned to the Settlement.

It will be recalled that Hung-jao Road was the scene of a hold-up about a week ago, when armed men raided a small village there and Chinese volunteer police turned back the car of a foreigner who was proceeding westward. Where the robbery took place on Tuesday night is within a short distance of the place where Mr. Mackenzie was murdered in 1925.

A current rumour on the waterfront is to the effect that s.s. Tathylus, the Blue Funnel line sailing from this port, was apprehended at Seattle on a charge of smuggling Macao opium, and that fines amounting to G\$150,000 were inflicted by the United States Court.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Basil William Herbert Budden, 2nd Batt. the Gloucestershire Regt., only son of the late Capt. H. A. Budden and Mrs. Budden, of London, to Dorothy, only daughter of the late Mr. Francis Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, of Shanghai.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
2. What famous American woman novelist wrote a violent attack on the poet Byron?
3. "Well, I have had a happy life!" What famous critic said this on his deathbed?
4. What modern novelist and dramatist was once a surgeon at Thomas' Hospital, London?
5. What author of a great masterpiece of literature served in the gallies?
6. Of what two brothers was it said that one wrote psychology like a novelist, and the other novels like a psychologist?
7. Who was the creator of a character called Uncle Pendergast?
8. What novelist, afterwards world-famous, wished to illustrate "The Pickwick Papers," but was rejected?
9. What great literary figure was taken, as a child, to London to be touched for the King's Evil by Queen Anne?
10. In what poem, and by whom, do the lines occur, "and by whom, do the lines occur, as at a cup, my life blood seemed to ebb."
11. Name a distinguished writer of our time who was formerly Keeper of the Land Revenue Records?
12. Who was called "an ineffectual angel," and by whom?

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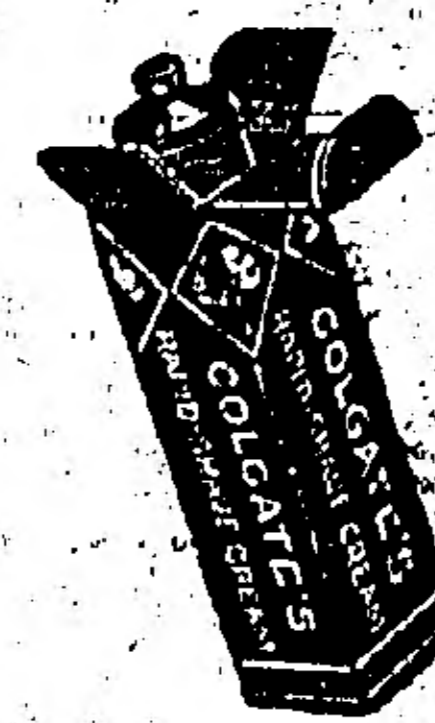
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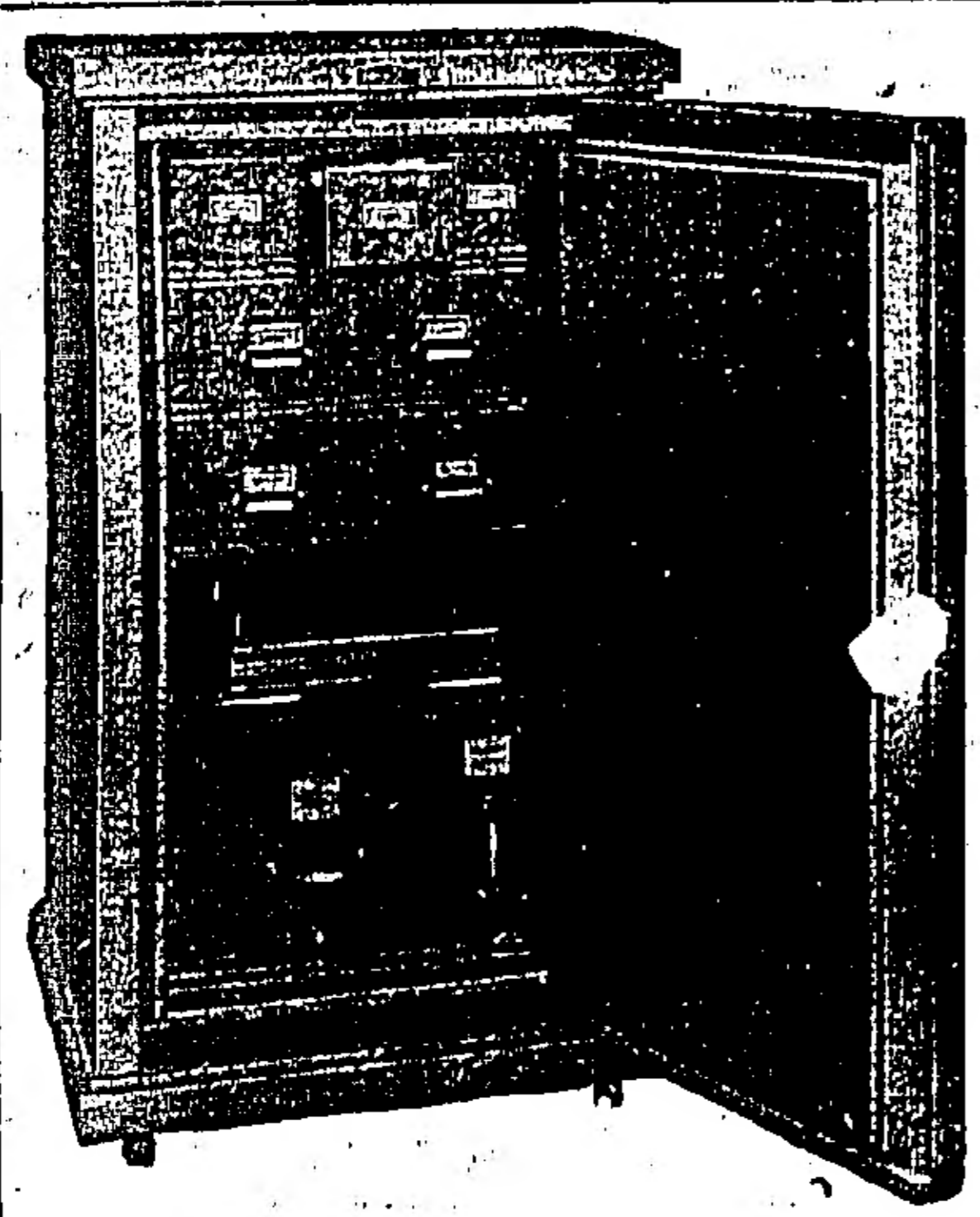
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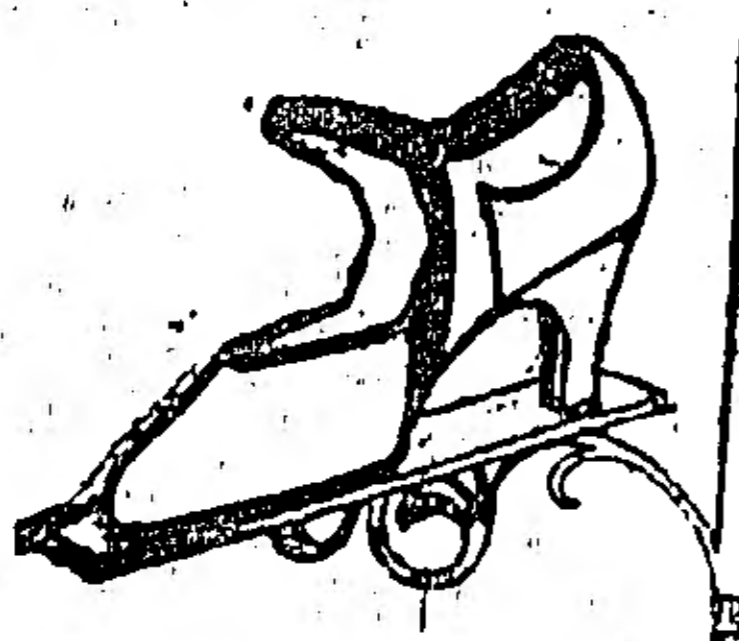
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DRAMATIC STREET
SCENE.

WEALTHY CONTRACTOR'S
ESCAPE FROM KIDNAPPERS.

One of the most thrilling rescues by the police in which Woo Zau-ling, prominent Chinese contractor, was recovered from a gang of armed kidnappers, occurred at Shanghai last week after police, members of the Suffolk Regiment and civilians joined in the chase. Woo, himself, was shot three times and a coolie received a minor wound in the leg. Two of the gang are in custody and two are still at large, although it is believed that they will be arrested shortly.

Woo Zau-ling, who is the managing director of Sin Jin Kee, firm of contractors who are erecting the Sassoon Building, corner of Nanking Road and the Bund, left his home, says the N. C. D. News of Aug. 19, in his private ricksha on Weihaiwei Road about 1.30 p.m. He had not gone far before three men stopped his coolie with pointed pistols and forced him in to their motor car, whence they drove through the central districts and into the eastern district.

Woo was afraid to shout for help, as they held their pistols to his body. On reaching a rough portion of Thorburn Road, however, where the chauffeur had to slow up, the kidnapped man tried to force the door and jump out. He was partially successful, when one of the gang shot him in the thigh. He managed to get out and jump from the car, when they shot him twice again. The police believe that they would have killed him, had it not been for a Russian laundryman, driving a van for the Shanghai Steam Laundry, who jumped from his vehicle. When they saw him the two men ran off, while the third with the chauffeur, who was apparently in the gang, escaped.

An Exciting Duel.

The armed men ran along Thorburn Road and Chinese followed them. The chase continued for some blocks until they separated. The first jumped in to a ricksha and forced the puller to run at full speed, threatening him with his pistol. At Pingliang and Yangtzeppoo Roads corner, he saw a policeman on point duty and opened fire on him. The constable returned fire and a duel followed for 30 seconds, until the assailant had enough of it and ran.

Unarmed Suffolks, who were in their billet here, entered into the affair in good spirit and gave chase through alleyways and by streets back to Baikal Road.

A Chinese constable from Hongkew station, who was returning to his home off duty, saw the fugitive coming and made for him. The officer was unarmed, but catching him, grappled and threw him to the ground, holding him until the others came. It was then found that he still had three live rounds in his pistol.

Chief Det-Insp. Prince who has charge of the case, paid high tribute last night to the courageous conduct of the unarmed C.P.C., who tackled the armed man.

British Officers Assist.

The other who had run off alone, threw his pistol away, but another C.P.C. also off duty and unarmed, and a civilian arrested him at the intersection of Thorburn and Baikal Roads. British officers who were passing in a lorry, assisted the C.P.C. and took the party to Wayside station in their van. The pistol was found later and brought to the station.

Whilst these chases were in progress, the motor car with chauffeur and third man made off unnoticed.

During the first part of the chase the two men ran along Jensen Road. An innocent coolie became inquisitive when he saw the crowd coming and lazily got up from where he sat. One of the men shot him in the leg. The coolie appeared at the Wayside charge room some time later, having come by himself in a ricksha.

The two wounded men, Woo Zau-ling, and the coolie were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, where they are resting quite well. Woo lost much blood, as he was shot in the fleshy part of the thigh, but it is not believed that he was wounded fatally.

Insp. Prince immediately sent out parties to search the neighbourhood. One of the gang told him of their rendezvous and a party who went there arrested three, who are not believed to be a portion of the gang, but appear to be members of the Shaohsiang clique, which was broken up here a year ago. Their object, according to the police, was ransom, as Woo is reputed to be very wealthy.

The armed kidnappers are said to belong to the Shaohsiang gang, which numbers 600 men and that their chief and his No. 2 ride about Shanghai in motor cars and dress with the splendour of compradores. Active members of this gang are paid \$2 per day, whether engaged or not.

TYPHOON DAMAGE ON THE PEAK.



The above close-up picture gives a very clear idea of the damage caused by the typhoon to the Des Vaux Villas, Mount Kellett, The Peak. A full page of typhoon pictures will appear in to-morrow's Telegraph.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WRECKED GARAGE.

(To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—It has come to our knowledge that statements are being made to the effect that the Kowloon premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Traction Co. Ltd., which collapsed during last Saturday's typhoon, were constructed by, or under the supervision of, the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd.

As such statements are likely to be detrimental to this Company I am instructed to state publicly that we had no connection whatever with the design or construction of the premises in question.

The facts of the case are, I believe, that the premises were built by a firm of contractors which had

a brief existence in 1924 under the name of the "South China Construction Company."

In view of our persistent efforts to maintain a high standard of materials and workmanship it is extremely annoying to learn that such imputations are being made, and I trust you will give publicity to this disclaimer.—Yours, etc., Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd., S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Major Colfox asked in Parliament, amid some amusement, whether it was in order for members to smoke in the Division Lobbies. The Speaker—No, certainly it is against the rules of the House, and I must ask members to see that this rule is observed.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1067 1/2 ss.
Chartered Bank, £20 n.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 n.
Mercantile C, £13 1/2 n.
P. and O., £9 1/2 b.
East Asia, \$98 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$590 s.
China Underwriters, \$1.50 n.
North China, Tls. 143 n.
Union Ins., \$285 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$37 b.

Fire Ins.

Chira Fires, \$210 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., 600 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$32 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$21 1/2 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$60 s.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., \$2/- n.
Star Ferries, \$54.60 b.
Waterboats, \$16.90 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$15 s.
Malabons, \$32 s.

Mining.

Benguet, \$1.70 n.
Kailans, 49/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 18 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 3 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 6 n.
Rauba, 4 b.
Tronoh, 19/3 n.
Ural Caspian, 5/- n.
Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$112 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 n.
Hongkew, Tls. 140 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 41 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 1/2 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, 6 1/2 s.
H. K. Lands, \$54 1/2 b.
Realty, \$6 s.
Territorials, \$13 s.
Humphreys, \$12 1/2 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$12 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7 30 b.
Orientals, Tls. \$1.60 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. \$51 n.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, Tls. 7 n.
Tramways, \$20.15 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Singapore Trams, 11/- s.
Taxis, \$1 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$7 s.
China Lights, \$15 s.
China Paper, \$4.10 s.
Constructions, \$12 s.
Dairy Farms, \$15.20 b.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$54.10 b.
Macao Electric, \$37 b.
Ropes, (old) \$10 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.
Macintosh, \$22 b.
Sinceres, \$1 n.
United Abosots, \$12 s.
Watsons \$11 1/2 n.
Powers, \$5 s.
Telephone, 3.70 s.

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended August 25th, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2/1 13/16.

The death is announced of Sergeant Deas, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

The marriage is announced of Mr. F. A. Agler, Commissioner of the Imperial Maritime Customs, to Isabel M. Agnes, daughter of Professor Bayley Balfour, of Edinburgh.

Korea agreed to lease three ports to Japan.

Mr. de Darvasto, the Austrian Consul, was "at home" at the Consulate to visitors desirous of calling in honour of the birthday of H.I.M. Emperor Joseph.

A Volunteer Promenade Concert was held at which the Band of the Royal West Kents played selections. Among the artists who contributed to the programme were Mrs. Bodeley, Messrs. A. E. Paine, S. Moutrie and R. Sutherland.

Two European Sanitary Inspectors were arrested and charged with accepting bribes.

There was rioting at Yaumat, between Indian soldiers and Chinese.

The American Consul General of Canton forwarded a despatch to Viceroy Shun asking him to find some means of suppressing the Boycott Association which had been doing a great deal to hinder American commerce.

Mr. Cecil Holliday resigned the Chairmanship of the Shanghai Municipal Council due to a disagreement between him and his colleagues.

OIL ROGUES ARE
BAFFLED.TURNED BACK AT ENGLISH
PORTS.

As the oil swindlers who duped thousands of unwary investors into buying worthless shares have recently made many attempts to re-enter England, Scotland Yard detectives at British ports have been supplied with a "Suspect Book." This contains photographs and accounts of the careers of the swindlers, both as regards the leader of the gangs and the subordinate members.

Men who have gained notoriety in the United States, but have never visited this country, are also included, and instructions given that permission to land must be refused.

Since Scotland Yard cleared the gangs out of England some time ago, many of the tricksters

COMPANY REPORT.

N. Y. K. PROFITS
SATISFACTORY.

A substantial profit is shown in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's seventy-fourth report presented at the half yearly general meeting of shareholders.

The net profit for the half year is 2,788,217 yen. The paid-up capital of the N.Y.K. is given as 64,250,000 yen and the reserve fund, insurance, structural repair and other funds total 42,735,058 yen.

The N.Y.K. fleet totals ninety vessels of between 2,000 and 13,000 tons, and forty-two steam launches and tugs, with a total tonnage of 606,690. Its affiliated company, the Kinkai Yusen Kaisha, has a fleet of forty-three vessels of tonnage between 541 and 6,000, and fourteen steam launches and tugs, totalling 105,231 tons. Thus the combined fleets total 711,921 tons.

The balance sheet, as of March 31, is as follows:

Assets.	Yen.
Unpaid capital	42,000,000.00
Reduced book value of fleet	68,636,276.11
Reduced book value of launches, barges, &c.	635,873.15
Land and buildings	18,077,429.09
Ships' stores in stock	948,225.96
Public loans and other securities	27,374,732.48
Cash at banks and in hand	8,275,153.61
Sundry debtors	11,872,961.69
Total assets	167,815,652.09

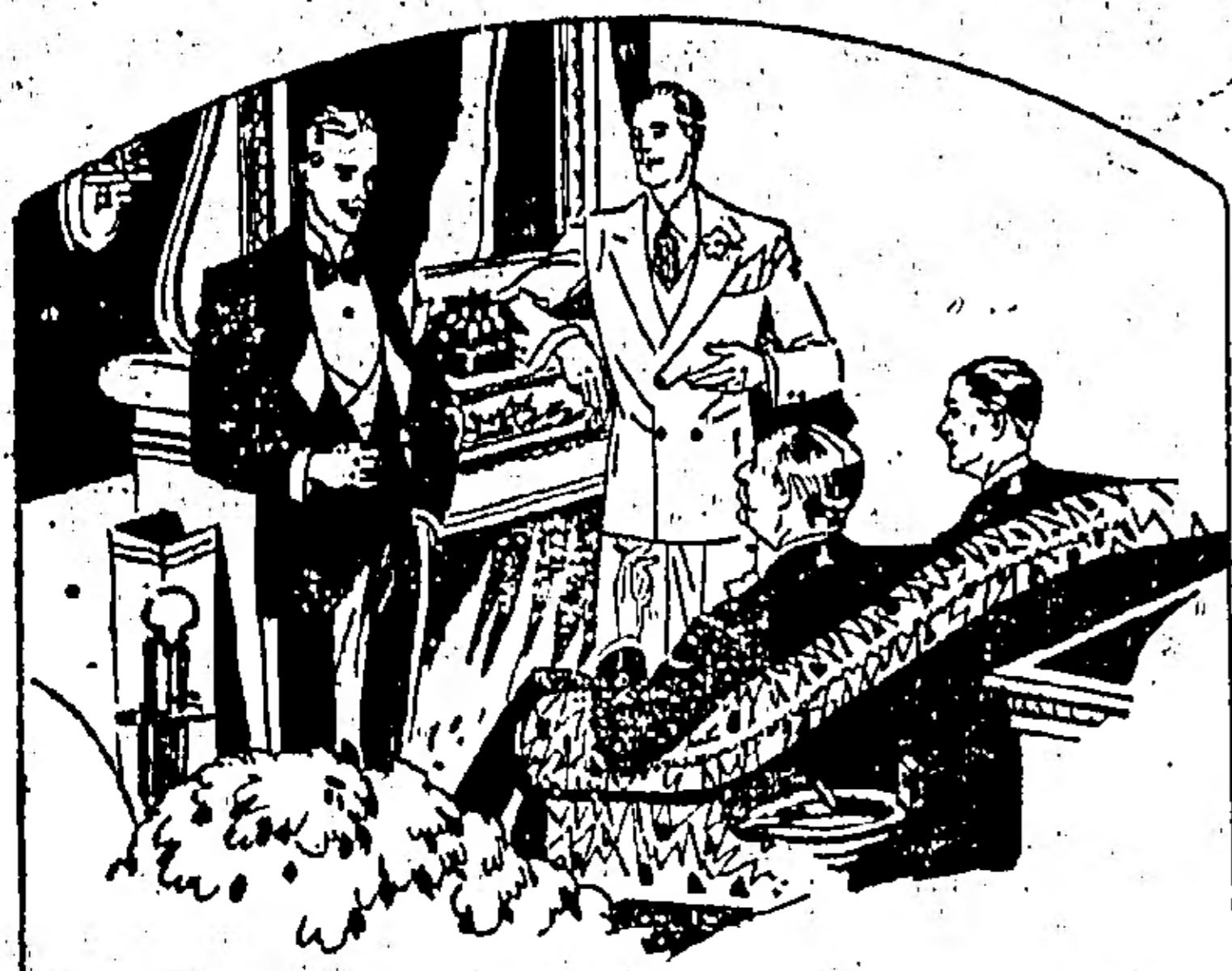
Liabilities.

Share capital	106,250,000.00
Insurance fund	10,175,801.85
Ships' structural repair fund	7,318,732.48
Legal reserve fund	17,840,000.00
Dividend equalization fund	6,750,000.00
Special reserve	211,000.00
Fund for training, protection and encouragement of seamen	609,291.76
Pension fund	6,639,819.04
Sundry creditors	9,201,493.26
Amount brought forward from last account	301,306.61
Net profit for the half year	2,788,217.09
Total liabilities	167,815,652.09

have been turned back in the vessels in which they crossed the Atlantic. Their protests that they did not intend to sell shares again were unavailing. "Urgent reasons" for even a short stay were similarly ignored.

Men visiting England for the first time were also surprised to learn that Scotland Yard knew all about them. A number of subordinate tricksters are now stranded on the Continent. Some made an attempt to return to England by taking advantage of the fact that no passports are required for the day trip between the Continent and England. The ruse failed, however, for, although the men were able to secure tickets from friends for the sea journey, the vigilant detectives sent them back in the next boat.

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MUTUAL AID.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LOCAL PORTUGUESE SOCIETY.

The twelfth annual general meeting of the Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos (Portuguese Mutual Aid Society) was held yesterday evening at the Club Lusitano. The President of the Society, Mr. C. A. da Roza, was in the Chair, supported by Mr. J. M. Alves (Vice-President), Mr. J. A. de Almeida (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Fernando E. d'Almeida Remedios (Hon. Treasurer), and the following members of the Committee:—Messrs. A. F. Osmund, D. P. J. Lopes, M. A. Simoes, C. de M. G. V. Ribeiro, P. H. Barnes, and P. M. N. da Silva. There was a small attendance of members.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, You have had the report and Accounts before you for the period required by our rules, and I take it you will dispense with the formality of having the same read. There is really little which we want to convey to you that has not been included in the report, but the opportunity of addressing you on our work comes only once a year, except on the rare occasions other meetings are convened. In this circumstance, I would ask for your indulgence for the review of the Committee which it is my privilege as President to place before you.

Membership.

The year finished with a membership of 296 representing an increase of 20 members compared with the previous year. The membership, gentlemen, is small—lamentably small when viewed in the light of the Portuguese population of Hongkong. That population will permit a two fold increase in our numbers and still leave much room for active propaganda for the acquisition of new members.

This reduced membership, I might say this pathetic attitude of our co-nationals, is brought to greater relief on analysing the roll which contains actually the names of 93 persons resident in Macao and Canton, leaving the membership in Hongkong at the bagatelle figure of 203. We appreciate greatly the interest shown in our institution by Macao and Canton; but we think most decidedly our compatriots in Hongkong are lacking in that sympathy which not only our objects, but our past record deserve.

Gentlemen, this Committee and those that have gone before have had much "heart searching" in the endeavour to trace the root cause of this indifference, and in our search I and some of our colleagues have not hesitated to blame ourselves for the absence of propaganda to broaden the membership; whilst the reason may be found in the want of propaganda, we think the Society should be well known to every one even in this age of advertisement. Twelve years of good work should have brought with it a measure of recognition more commensurate with the ungrudging labour—I might even say affectionate labour—given to the cause of the Society.

My colleagues, therefore, desire me to bring before you their idea of sympathetic interest in the Society, which consist not only in joining as members, but should extend to efforts in enrolling new members, at least to the extent of one member for every existing member. We hope for this gesture

of appreciation and co-operation from all the members this year.

Deaths.

We have lost by death during the year two members in the persons of the late Manuel Pedro dos Remedios and Elias Maria Xavier—the former served on the Committee on more than one occasion, and to his relatives as to those of the late Mr. Xavier we extend our sympathy. I would ask you as a mark of sympathy to their memory to stand for a moment.

We have added to our roll during the year under review the names of two illustrious persons—Bishop Nunes and Bishop Valtorta to both of whom we extend a hearty welcome.

Gentlemen, we now turn to the accounts on which the Committee can congratulate the members on the excellent state of the Society's finances. The Society is not an association for profit, its objects do not include gain, but funds are necessary to enable it to carry on its work with freedom, and I am happy to state that the funds we have got together have not been at the sacrifice of any of its objects.

I would invite your attention to the front page of the report in which you will find stated that our assets are valued at over \$59,000, and our income for the year from all sources is shown at \$8,613.57. We have since our inception collected in subscriptions, donations, etc., the handsome sum of over \$95,000,—of which we have paid in subsidies about \$30,000,—leaving capital funds in our possession to-day of \$59,010.93 after meeting the expenses of the 12 years amounting to an average of \$600,—to \$700,—per annum. Financially, we are sound, and your Committee, with pardonable pride, regard the Society, although not supported as it might have been or should be, as the most successful Portuguese organisation of an associative character in the Far East.

Exclusive of interest earned by the respective Funds, the general income for the year was \$5,551.53 from which the expenses amounting to \$750.93 must be deducted leaving the surplus for the year at \$4,800.63 which we have transferred to the various funds in the proportion called for by the regulations.

Subsidies.

Subsidies paid during the year accounted for \$6,064.66 of which the sum of \$2,480.—was from the Benevolent Fund. We take pleasure in stating that with the exception of one instance, all our Funds finished the year with an improved balance, despite the calls made thereon. The exception referred to is the University Fund on which the receipts were about \$1,000,—against payments of \$1,800,—a balance against us of \$800,—which represents the encroachment on past accumulations for the splendid work of preparing some of our Youth for better things in earning a livelihood.

I do not know whether you wish me to explain the Balance Sheet in detail but I would remark that the bulk of our Funds are well invested in mortgages, and that in our Fixed Deposits of over \$11,000,—we have the necessary Call money to meet any emergency that might arise.

The Subsidy to the Misses Vaz continued to be paid out of the School Fund, and these girls were satisfactory students at the Italian Convent during the year. At the University, Mr. Carlos da Silva graduated in Arts during the year. Mr. Barnes is expected to

graduate in Medicine shortly, and Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Roza, and also Mr. Braga, the latter enjoying part of the Ignez Soares Scholarship, are doing satisfactory work.

Teaching of Portuguese.

We have encouraged the learning of Portuguese all in our power by providing books, prizes in the shape of scholarships, and also in subsidies to St. Joseph's College and Italian Convent. We have in addition recently subsidised to a moderate extent the Portuguese classes taught at the new school in Homuntin conducted by the Sisters of Our Lady of Angels. I might say, the classes in Portuguese under the direction of Messrs. Januario d'Almeida and Julio Gonsalves, as also those of Miss Gonsalves, have been well reported upon by the Consul for Portugal to whom was given the task of supervision by the Government of Macao. We are deeply indebted to that Government for the continuation of the subsidy out of which the salaries of the teachers were met.

The Fundo Lutuosa which is as you know managed by our Society gained 45 new members and lost 4 members by death during the period under review. The Committee hope the membership will be increased to a number exceeding the membership of the Society, and they would point out that membership in the Society is not a necessary qualification for application thereto.

The Library.

The Portuguese Library in the care of the Club Lusitano was made use of to a moderate extent, and the Committee would again bring to the notice of members this facility given to us.

Gentlemen, there are due to many the grateful thanks of the Society as you will see from the report, but I wish to bring before you two names for particular mention, Mrs. Osmund and Mr. d'Almeida both of whom have given us gratuitous services by assisting the little Convent at Homuntin in conducting classes in Portuguese.

There is yet another name I mention with pleasure, I refer to Mr. Max Remedios who from the time the Society started until last year acted as our Treasurer. His duties were undertaken as a labour of love, and perhaps I need say nothing more but refer to our accumulated Funds of over \$50,000.—to testify to his watchful care of our finances. I would invite you to record your appreciation by placing him again in the Committee this afternoon.

Gentlemen, you have been kept long enough, but may I trespass a little further on your time? We cannot present a budget for the present year—the very nature of our Society prevents a forecast of income and expenditure. But we can, nevertheless, settle a programme. To my mind the attention of the incoming Committee should be engaged on

- An extensive propaganda for a large increase in membership.
- A scheme for the insurance of all insurable members for a moderate amount.
- The establishment in Kowloon of a store on a co-operative principle.
- Alteration of our rules to meet present day conditions.

Gentlemen, I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded, I would invite from you questions.

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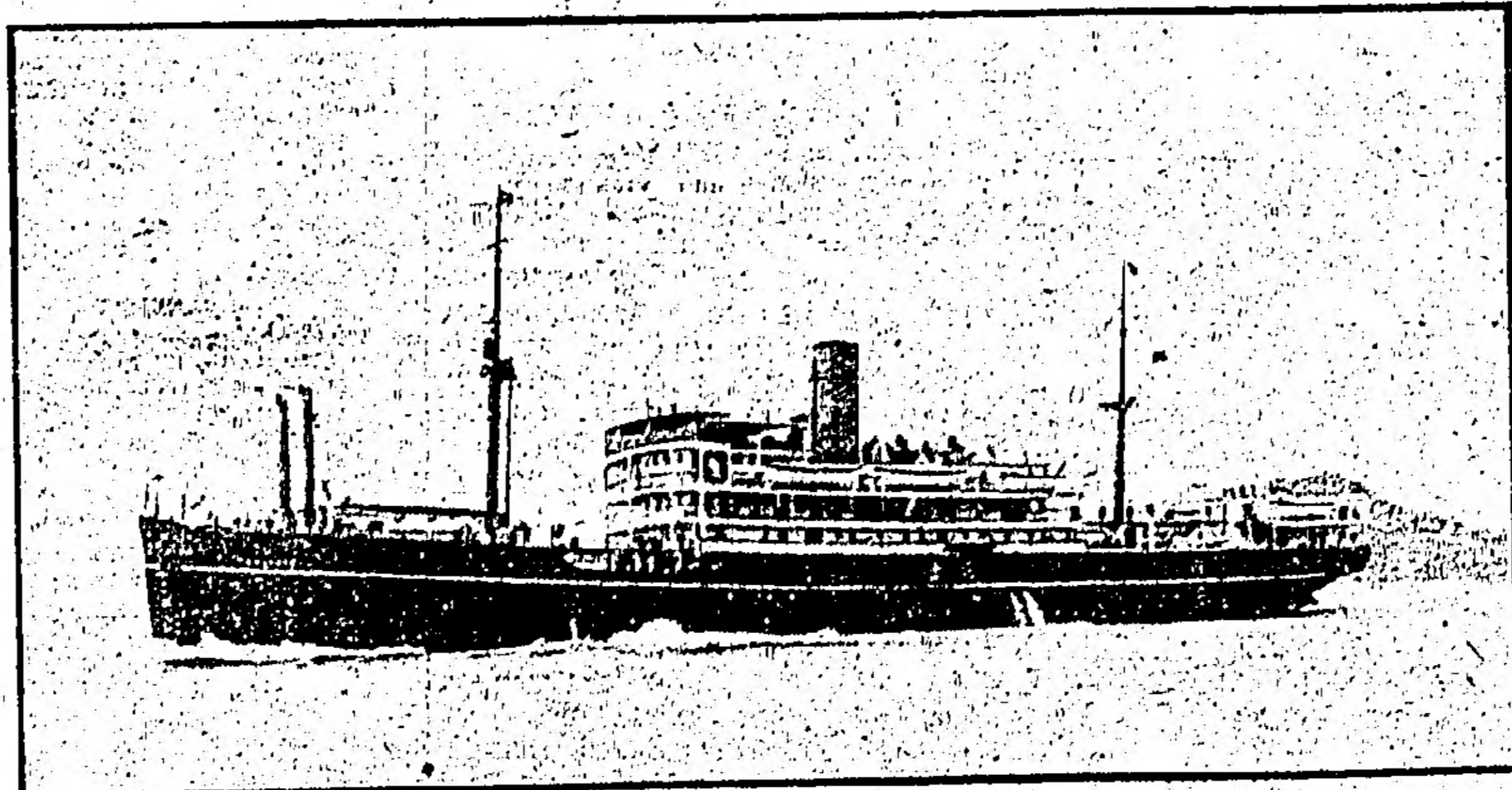
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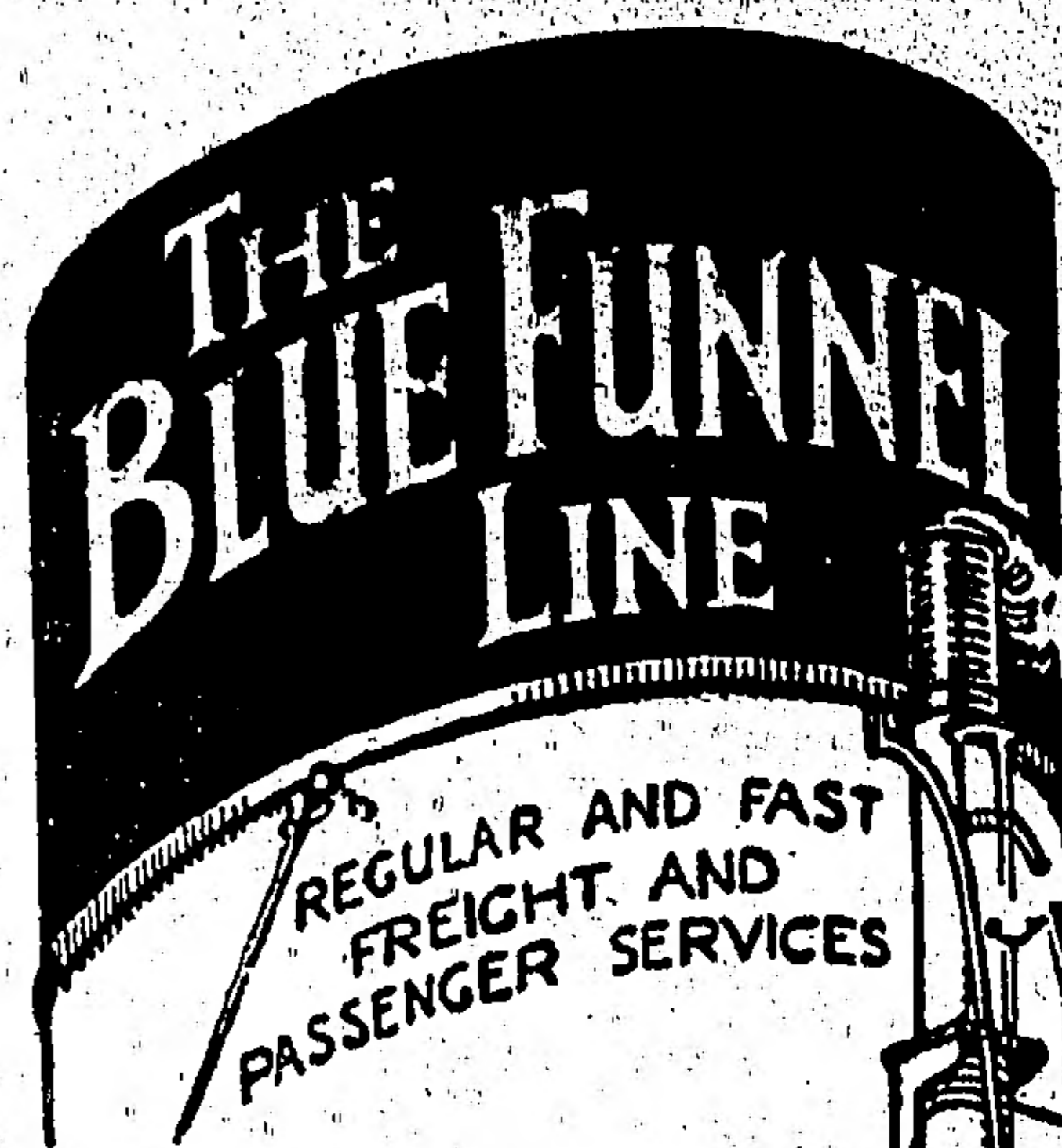
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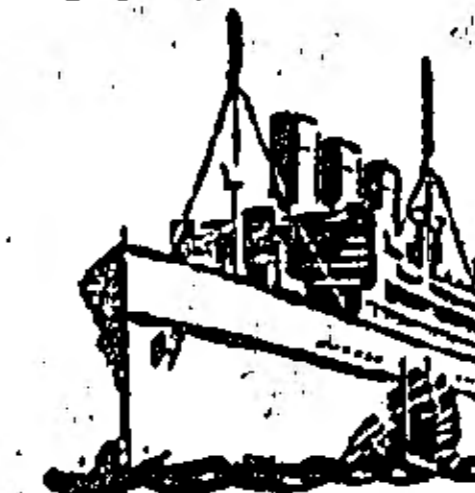
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DEVANHA	8,155	17th Sept.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KHVER	9,114	1st Oct.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MAIWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	8,985	29th Oct.	M's, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MAEDONIA	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles & London
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Sign of Apathy.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, in commenting on the report, feelingly referred to the poor attendance of members which he took to be an indication of that apathy on the part of the Portuguese community as mentioned by the Chairman. In view of his previous connexion with the Society as its founder and first President, he could testify to the devoted work of the Committee on behalf of the Society and its members. The organization stood out by itself as one conferring more benefits to its members than any other similar body in the Colony, and he expressed his surprise at views such as were expressed by one member of the community, who on being asked why he was not a member of the Society, said that he did not expect to derive any benefits from such membership. That was a totally wrong attitude to take, as the fact should have been borne in mind that others of their Community would benefit, as was shown by the name of the Society. He urged Portuguese organizations in the Colony to impress on their members the desirability of membership in the Society, pointing to the trifling fee entailed as being but a mere fraction of the inestimable benefits to be derived. In conclusion he moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee, which was accorded with applause.

Various members then made certain suggestions as to the future activities of the Society, which were duly noted by the Chairman and replied to in some cases.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the reports and accounts. Mr. F. X. d'Almada Remedios seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

A ballot was taken amongst the members, and the President and other officials of the Committee, as well as the members of the Committee, whose names appeared above, were re-elected. Mr. E. da Roza was elected auditor for the current year.

WORLD THEATRE.

A ROMANCE OF THE SPANISH MAIN.

Rafael Sabatini's famous novel, Captain Blood, is now being shown at the World Theatre and will be screened until Saturday. This romance of the Spanish Main is proving a very good draw at the theatre.

The orchestra during last night's performance showed that it had been greatly improved. The whole Theatre has just been re-decorated and presents a very brighter appearance than heretofore.

The orchestra plays at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances, which are favoured by Europeans, and there is a Chinese interpreter at the 2.30 and 7.15 performances, for the convenience of those who cannot read English.

It is learned that the management intend, as far as possible, to show popular pictures at popular prices in order to make the World Theatre something like the "family cinemas" at home.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 291. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.
Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant.
Hongkong, Friday, Aug. 26, 1927.

1.—Artillery Company.

Winter Training Season will commence on Thursday, 8th September, 1927, at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m., and will continue every Thursday until further orders. Copy of Training Programme has been posted on Company Notice Board.

2.—Mounted Infantry Company.
Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 30th August, 1927. Dress: Mufti.

3.—M.L. and A.C. Companies.
Musketry Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters' Range on Sunday, 11th September, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.
Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress and Arms will be detailed in next week's Orders.

4.—Scottish Company.

Special Machine Gun Class as already detailed in previous orders will assemble at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th September, 1927. Dress: Mufti.

Thursday, 8th September.—All Platoon Vickers Gun Instruction at Platoon Headquarters. Members of the Company are again reminded that rifle, belt and bayonet are to be worn on all parades irrespective of the nature thereof.

Route March.—A Company route march from Polo Ground to Takapoa will take place on Thursday, 29th September, and this early notice is given to enable all to attend.

5.—Officers' Mess Committee.
A Committee composed as under is appointed. President, Captain Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, O.B.E. Members, Lieut. F. Syme Thomson, 2/Lieut. H. C. Macnamara.

6.—Transfers.
No. 609 Pte. J. W. Anderson is transferred from No. 7 Platoon to the Medical Section, as from 26th August, 1927.

No. 560 Pte. M. Nicholson is transferred from No. 7 Platoon to the Reserve Company (Scottish Section), as from 26th August, 1927.

7.—Leave.
No. 542 Pte. W. F. Simmons, Reserve Company, is granted leave of absence from the Corps, from 26th August, 1927 to 25th September, 1927.

R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES.

1.—Artillery Company.
Members of the Artillery Company are reminded that a meeting will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 1st September, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

2.—Mounted Infantry Company.
A meeting of the Mounted Infantry Company will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 29th August, 1927. All members are particularly requested to attend.

3.—Motor Cycle Section.
A meeting of the Motor Cycle Section will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, 2nd September, 1927, at 5.45 p.m. All members are particularly requested to attend.

4.—No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.
The first shoot for the Cup given by Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, 4th September, 1927, at 9.30 a.m.

Conditions.—15 rounds Rapid at 300 yards as for Corps Championship.

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FRANCO-GERMAN
FRICTION.

OCCUPATION OF RHINELAND
BROUGHT UP.

A SNUB ADMINISTERED.

Paris, Aug. 25.
A Franco-German duel seems to be developing at the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference.
Replying to Herr Loebé, M. Henri de Jouvenal declared that the military occupation of the Rhineland was the sole guarantee of the stability of eastern Europe, adding that when one had been an adversary so long it was better to go slowly about knitting ties of friendship, rather than risk fresh ruptures.

A somewhat cool reception was accorded to the speech of Herr Loebé, who is president of the Reichstag, and heads an important German delegation, including the ex-Chancellor Wirth, to the twenty-fourth conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which was the precursor of the League of Nations, and is presided over by M. Doumer, the president of the Senate, where the conference has met to debate world politics and discuss a European tariff entente, the reduction of armaments, an anti-drug campaign, and the codification of international law.

"I cannot resist the temptation of referring to the burning topic of the occupation of the Rhineland," said Herr Loebé, and he suggested that France would serve the cause of humanity by telling Germany that not a single French soldier would remain on German soil from January 1, 1928.

Mr. Takebe (Japan) deftly steered the conference from the trough of practical politics to the calm waters of generalities, preaching reform of parliamentary methods.—*Reuter*.

THE GROWTH OF AIR
TRANSPORT.

100,000 PASSENGERS IN
BRITISH PLANES.

London, Aug. 25.
To-day the British Air Liners celebrated their eighth birthday. On August 25, 1919, the first British civil aeroplane, a D. H. Rolls-Royce converted war-plane, made its maiden flight between London and Paris. This machine had accommodation for only two passengers. Its single Rolls-Royce engine developed 365 horsepower.

To-day the latest triple-engine Silver Wing de luxe air-liners of the Imperial Airways, carry 20 passengers, with a horsepower of only 1,200, or less than 60 horsepower per passenger. During these eight years, 100,000 passengers have been carried across the Channel in British aeroplanes alone, the air liners flying a distance of nearly 7,000,000 miles.

In the past four years, the stability and safety of air transport has been so well established, that the air ways are now recognised means of transport for bullion and precious stones. Bullion and specie to the value of approximately £30,000,000 having been carried by air across the Channel.

In 1919, one service a day was run between London and Paris, but this summer there are six services in each direction between the two cities.—*British Wireless*.

THIEF'S UNLUCKY
DAY.

CAUGHT "RED-HANDED."

The story of how a thief spent a whole hour in elaborating his plan to rob the clothes-line in the backyard of No. 8 Savoy, Wanchai, the residence of Mr. Noel White, was told by Mr. White at the Central Magistracy this morning when the men were charged.

Mr. White said that from the house he witnessed the defendant loiter around for over half-an-hour before committing himself to the act. He went away after having apparently made a decision, and when he returned a few minutes later it was seen that he had divested himself of his jacket.

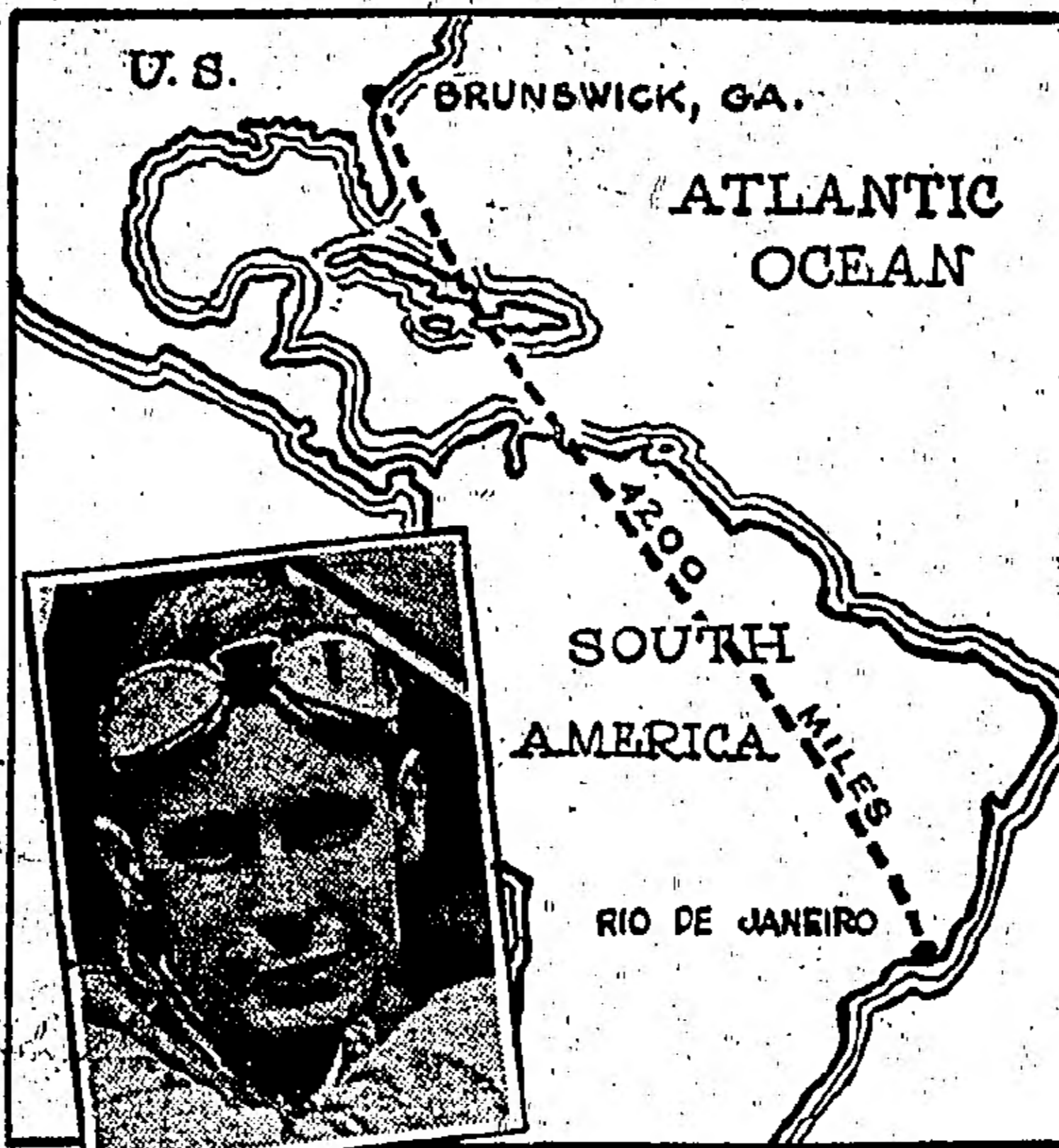
Then, having reconnoitred around the house for another half-hour, he crouched down and stretched out his hands to pull a pair of flannel trousers from off the line. Before he could succeed, he was pounced upon by Mr. White, who had been an interested spectator watching from behind a rock.

"When I caught him, he said that it was his unlucky day," stated Mr. White.

Mr. R. E. Lindell: Who gave him his black eye?
Mr. White explained that the defendant struggled, so he (witness) had to knock him down.

Sentence of four weeks was passed.

WORLD'S BIGGEST "HOP."



In his attempt to fly from Brunswick, Georgia, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Paul Redfern will brave the dangers of ocean, mountain and jungle. For the 4,200-mile "hop" he has chosen a Stinson-Detroler monoplane, with a Wright motor and hopes to make the flight in 40 to 50 hours. A Reuter cable to-day reports the start of his flight.

FENG MAKES HASTY
RETREAT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

When asked by the reporter whether Mr. Hu and Marshal Chiang would return to their former position in the Kuomintang, the visitor replied that if Marshal Chiang would return, then Mr. Hu would also enter the political field again.
Mr. Hu Shu-ching emphatically denied that Mr. Hu Han-min had gone to see Marshal Chiang, or would go to see him, to request the latter's return to the Kuomintang sphere.

YEN HSI-SHAN IN LINE?

Response To An Ultimatum.

Peking, Aug. 18.
It is believed that Yen Hsi-shan has withdrawn his forces from Shihchiachwang and from the whole of the Peking-Hankow Railway zone in Shansi. This action is the answer to Chang Tso-lin's ultimatum of last week calling on him to declare his allegiance.

The Generalissimo has had to acquiesce in Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's movement down the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, but he still retains his suspicion that Feng Yu-hsiang may make some overt move against the positions of the Northerners.

He has agreed with Marshal Chang Tsung-chang that the Mukden army north of the Yellow River should be employed along the Kin-Han Railway to offset Feng's threat to Shantung's flank. This army was immobilized last month above Shihchiachwang by Yen Hsi-shan's flirtation with Chang Kai-shek and the consequent concentration of troops on the Shansi border.

Hostility is read into all these manoeuvres. Chang Tso-lin had first to force Yen Hsi-shan back to his capital before he could consider any response to Chang Tsung-chang's request that he should introduce a little liveliness on the Kin-Han Line concurrent with that on the Tientsin-Pukow Line.

Some observers seem to think that the re-opening of the Feng-tien path down the Kin-Han railway might have the effect of persuading Feng Yu-hsiang that Hankow is less dangerous and a far more attractive objective than Hsuehowfu.

JAPANESE IN CHINA.

No Intention of Withdrawal.

Tokyo, Aug. 19.
Though the Government is being urged by the *Jiji*, the *Hochi* and other papers to use the present opportunity to withdraw Japanese troops from Shantung and though there are rumours that the Government is contemplating their withdrawal, the Premier, General Baron Tanaka, interviewed by Reuter to-day, asserted that the Government had no intention of withdrawing the troops at present as it does not consider that the situation warrants such action.

HANKOW TO NANKING.

The Officials On Trek.

The movement for reunion between Hankow and Nanking was accelerated last week when direct information was received in Kuomintang circles that the convention for reunion would not be held at Kukiang or Anking as originally planned but in Nanking. The Hankow officials are: Mr. Wang Ching-wel, General Tan Yen-kai and Mr. Sun Fo. As these three

FLAME ON ICE.

A NORWEGIAN PHENOMENON.

How many people are aware that one can see a flame burning on ice? It seems impossible, yet is a common experience with skaters at a place only about 53 kilometres (approximately 33 miles) from Oslo, on the Drammensfjord, Norway.

Here natural gas bubbles up through the water and collects under the ice, where its presence may be detected by the thinness of the ice, emitting a hollow sound, and its white colour. Wherever skaters see these white patches they tread warily, for the surface is thin enough to break. However, there is a cheap means of warming themselves at hand, for by merely piercing a hole at the spot, and applying a match, they obtain a flame, shooting up from the frozen crust, and lasting sometimes an hour, until all the collected gas has been consumed.

U.S.-CANADA HOP.

BYRD PILOTS FRENCH MINISTER.

Toronto, Aug. 25.
A Ford-Stout monoplane piloted by Commander Richard Byrd, with Mr. Maurice Bokunowski, the French Minister of Commerce, as a passenger, landed here this morning from Buffalo.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. Thirty-nine. 2. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. 3. William Hazlitt. 4. W. Somerset Maugham. 5. Cervantes. 6. William and Henry James. 7. H. G. Wells in "The War of the Worlds." 8. Thackeray. 9. Dr. Samuel Johnson. 10. "The Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. 11. Maurice Hewlett. 12. The poet Shelley, by Matthew Arnold.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and the same number of departures, British vessels holding premier place, with five and seven respectively, leaving 72 vessels in harbour, British 30. The day's cargoes were below the average.

Mr. Percy Harris asked in the House of Commons recently what course would be followed in the event of the Lord's amendments to the Trade Unions Bill not being agreed to. Would the Bill be dropped? Mr. Churchill—in no circumstances will the Bill be dropped. I do not think it is possible to forecast what course will be followed in the event of a regrettable difference between the two Houses, but I hope with patience and with tact these difficulties will be surmounted. (Laughter.)

leaders constitute practically the whole of the non-military part of the Hankow Government, it may safely be stated that that Government is coming to Nanking.

How the new Government will be constituted no one is at present able to say, states a Shanghai message. There are constant negotiations and it is now suggested that when the Hankow delegates have expressed their views, some of the persons who resigned from the Nanking Government last week, may be re-elected to the Central Executive Committee and may rejoin the Nanking Government.

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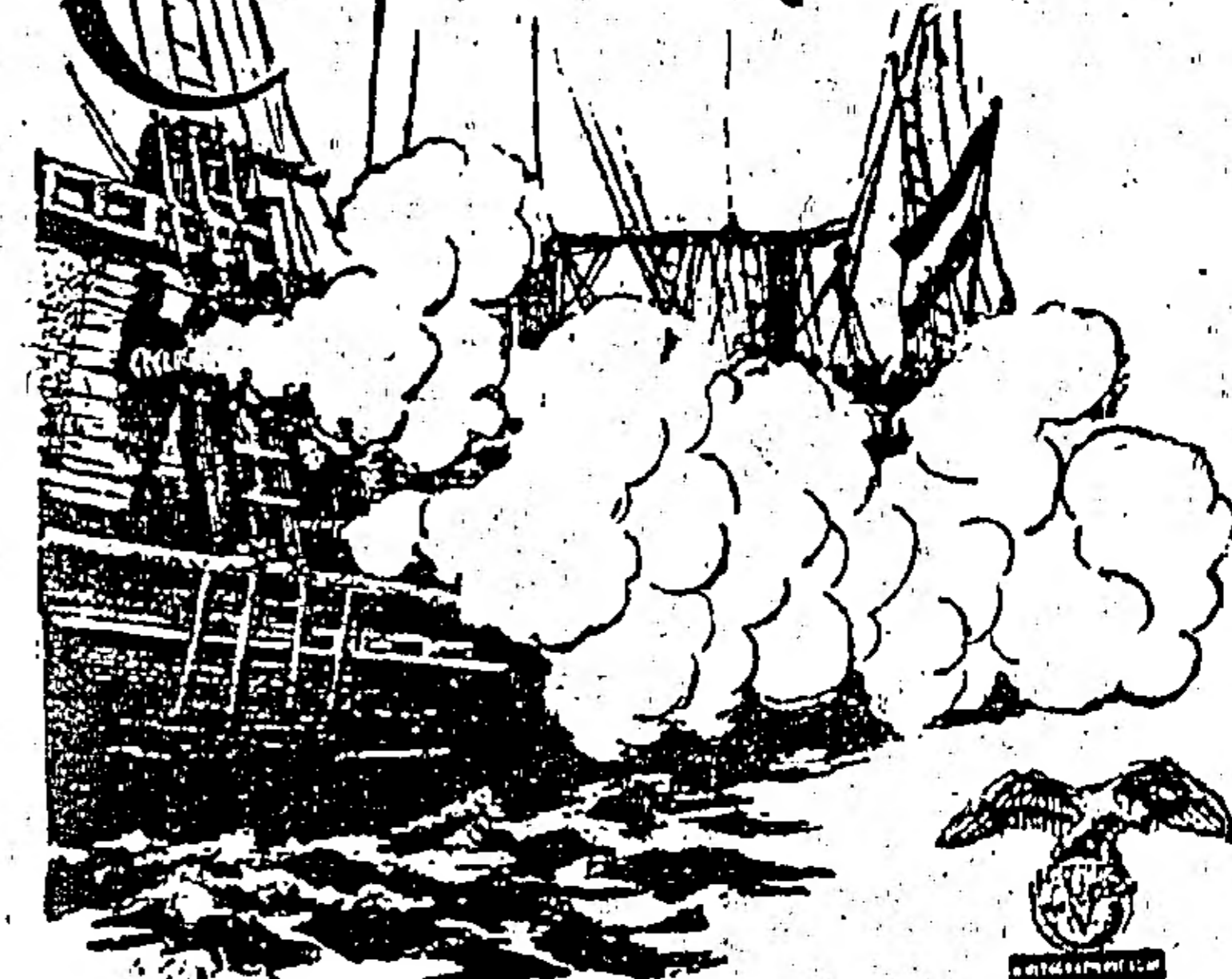
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